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# TELL ME YOU LIKE ME

By: Saki Takarai

# TELL ME YOU LIKE ME

BY SAKI TAKARAI

HE'S A HIGHER-UP AT THE COMPANY I WORK FOR, NAMED CHOUNO-SAN.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'VE EVER LIKED A MAN
AT FIRST, I ACTUALLY DISLIKED CHOUNO-SAN. .
BUT AFTER I NOTICED HIS STRICT POLICIES WERE IMPROVING OUR WORK...
I STARTED TO LIKE HIM.
YOU THINK THIS WORK IS ACCEPTABLE, NAKAHARA?
ON PAGE 5...
AND PAGE 9, THE NUMBERS...
ARE LOWER COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S.
FURTHER-MORE, LOOK AT PAGE 12...
DON'T I ALWAYS TELL YOU TO CHECK AT LEAST FIVE TIMES?
BUT..
AT THAT TIME, I ONLY LIKED HIM AS MY BOSS.

AFTERWARDS, A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED...
AND WE STARTED DATING, BUT...
フム
"I SEE" THE
I'M IN TROUBLE. I DIDN'T REALIZE HE'D BE SO BOTHERED BY IT...!
HE'S ANGRY...

A FEW DAYS EARLIER...
RELAX, CHOUNO-SAN...
JUST LET ME DO IT.
NN...
NGH!
I CAN'T!
I'M NOT USED TO THINGS LIKE THIS.
HUH?
YOU'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, CHOUNO-SAN?

COULD YOU HAVE ANY LESS TACT?
JOLT
うぉ
...
BLUSH
COULD ...
NO WAY ARE YOU NERVOUS?
SHAKE SHAKE
HUH?
I MUST HAVE BEEN OUT OF MY MIND TO THINK OF...
PERFORM-ING FILTHY ACTS LIKE THIS WITH A JERK LIKE YOU!
POINT
FROM NOW ON, NO MORE TOUCHING!
...
SIGH

I ACCIDENTALLY BLURTED OUT A SUSPICION I'D HAD FOR A WHILE...
THAT WAS BAD...
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO WANT TO TOUCH SOMEONE YOU LIKE.
DOESN'T CHOUNO-SAN FEEL THE SAME WAY?
BUT IT'S HARD NOT BEING ABLE TO TOUCH HIM.
ちら
GLANCE
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE'S NEVER TOLD ME HE LIKES ME!
GASP
!
WHAT DOES.. CHOUNO-SAN THINK OF ME?
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME...
WE CAN DATE IF YOU WANT.
※ ORIGINAL REPLY

REACH
...
I LIKE YOU...
CHOUNO-SAN.

WHAT NOW?
THAT MOVIE WAS INTERESTING, WASN'T IT?
-PHEW!-
WANT TO GET A BITE TO EAT?
YOU'RE SHAME-LESS
-tch- PUSH
...
?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD BE THIS MUCH OF AN ASS!

THAT... KIND OF TOUCHING ...!
WE'RE IN PUBLIC! THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR...
...
...HUH ?!
WHAT DID I--?
YOU...
DON'T HAVE TO GET UPSET OVER SUCH A LITTLE THING.
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD!
HUH?
LITTLE THING?!
HOLDING HANDS IS FINE, BUT THE OTHER THING--!
CHOUNO-SAN...
ARE YOU SAYING SOMEONE MOLESTED YOU?!

DAMN IT!
I WAS SITTING NEXT TO YOU THE WHOLE TIME! I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T NOTICE!
STORM
WHO DID IT?!
DON'T PLAY DUMB... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID IT!
WH--?!
WAIT A SECOND!
I WOULDN'T MOLEST YOU!
WHO WOULD BESIDES YOU?

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS... HE WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO ME!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK OF ME?
I'D NEVER DO THAT SORT OF THING IN A MOVIE THEATER!
...!
WHY IS HE SO CERTAIN I DID IT .?
WHY...
UNLESS... WE'RE NOT REALLY LOVERS AT ALL..?
I HOPE THIS IS JUST A LOVER'S SPAT...

CHOUNO-SAN
CAN YOU NOT... STAND UP?
BADUM
OF COURSE!
PUSH
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!
I CAN STAND UP, I'M JUST SITTING HERE BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING--
GRAB
!
NAKAHARA! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!
PULL
PULL

REM--?
I'LL REMEDY THE SITUATION.
YOU CAN'T WALK, RIGHT?
THE BATH-ROOM!
I-
IDIOT!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY!
?
LET GO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
NAKAHARA
CLICK
SLAM
WAIT!

HNN.
MM.
THUMP
ガタン
QUIET!
:>MMPH!:>
HN...
HAAH
NG!

I KNEW IT. YOU'RE HARD.
SOMEONE ELSE TOUCHED YOU..
GRASP
AH!
STOP! WE CAN'T DO THIS HERE!
YOU TOLD ME NO MORE TOUCHING, BUT
YOU GET EXCITED WHEN SOME PERVERT DOES IT!
N-NO!
IT JUST HAPPENED NOW.
WHEN YOU KISSED ME...!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

NN...!
...!
ビク...!
TUCK
ナニ
OH
AH!
NAKA-
HARA!
STOP!
IF YOU KEEP YELLING, PEOPLE WILL COME.
DO YOU WANT THAT?
HAAH...
YOU... IDIOT...
AH!

NAKAHARA...
IT REALLY WASN'T YOU...?
ANNOYED
YOU REALLY THINK I'M A GUY WHO'D MOLEST SOMEONE?
SHING NO, I
AH—
SLIDE
NN!
YOU REALLY HAVE THAT LITTLE TRUST IN ME?

DRIP
3
I...
I DIDN'T STOP HIM BECAUSE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU!
!

CLENCH
AH !
I'M..
COME--
JOLT
AH...
AAH!
AH!
...
...

HAAH はぁ
HAAH はぁ
DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANOTHER GUY I'D WANT TOUCHING ME BESIDES YOU...?
IF ANYONE DID, I'D KNOCK HIM OUT.
IS THAT THE TRUTH?
YOU THOUGHT IT WAS ME, SO--?
...

BUT YOU TOLD ME NOT TO TOUCH YOU ANYMORE!
BECAUSE YOU DUPED ME LIKE YOU DID
YOU REALLY THOUGHT I WAS SERIOUS?
CLINK カチャ
CLINK カチャ
THEN...
YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT!
GRIP
JERK
SQUIRT

I-I-I'M So SORRY!
DOOM
I'M REALLY SORRY!
YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO TACT!
LIKE I SAID!
YES!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE ON MY DAY OFF... I EVEN PUT ON A SUIT LIKE YOU ASKED!
LOOK! I'VE BEEN WAITING THIS WHOLE TIME!
KACHAK
SOMEONE'S HERE

?!
HUH?
YOU PROMISED YOU'D COME TO THE MOVIE THEATER TO FOOL AROUND!
FINE! NEXT TIME, YOU'D BETTER FIND ME!
..
I'M LEAVING.
CLICK
カチ
NO WAY! SO THE GUY WHO TOUCHED YOU WAS—
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU WEARING A SUIT?
HUH?
...
...
SLAM

WE FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER...
NO POINT SPENDING THE WHOLE TIME LOCKED IN A BATHROOM STALL.
...

PUSH
OF COURSE I DO
YOU'RE ASKING NOW ?

DO YOU... LIKE ME?
UM... CHOUNO-SAN...

HURRY UP
COMING!
WASH YOUR HANDS!

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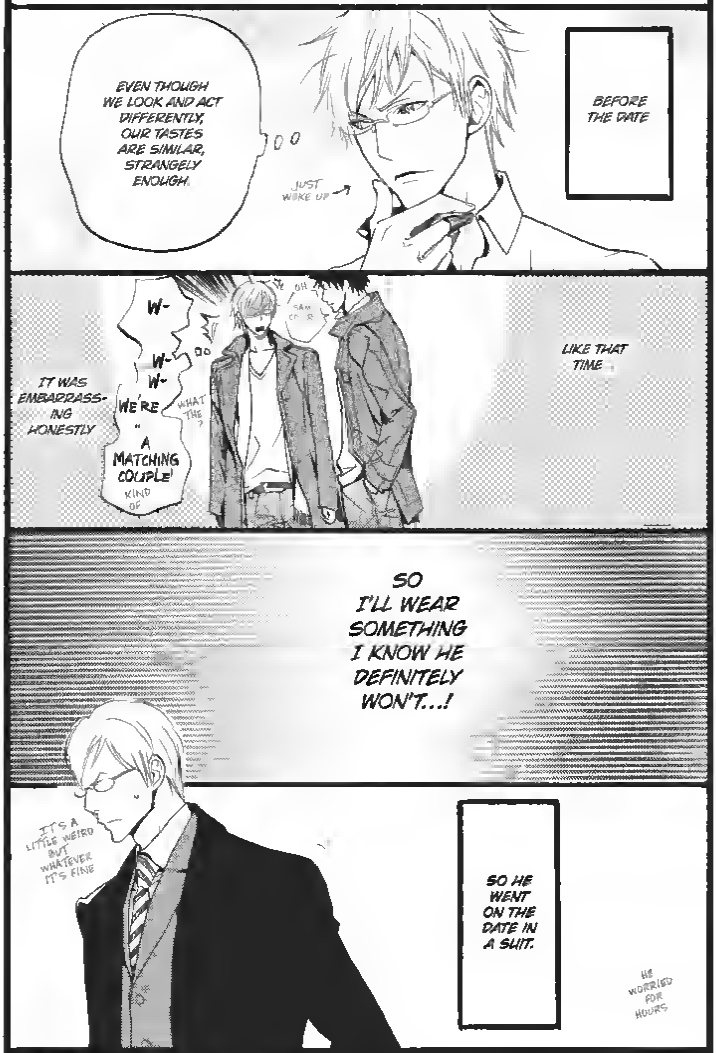

EVEN THOUGH WE LOOK AND ACT DIFFERENTLY, OUR TASTES ARE SIMILAR, STRANGELY ENOUGH.
JUST WOKE UP
BEFORE THE DATE
IT WAS EMBARRASSING HONESTLY
W-
W-
W-
WE'RE "A MATCHING COUPLE" KIND OF
WHAT THE?
OH
SAME AS R
LIKE THAT TIME
SO I'LL WEAR SOMETHING I KNOW HE DEFINITELY WON'T...!
IT'S A LITTLE WEIRD BUT WHATEVER IT'S FINE
SO HE WENT ON THE DATE IN A SUIT.
HE WORRIED FOR HOURS

# PERFECT AGE

BY GOROH

CHI...
CHITOSE-SAN...?

UM...
YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, DIDN'T YOU?
I...
I L...

JOLT
I LOVE YOUUU!!

OH.

...

ATSUMU! IF YOU'RE UP, THEN HURRY AND EAT BREAKFAST!
HEY, MOM... HAVE YOU SEEN MY EARRING?
MOM! AT-CHAN'S GROSS!!
GR... GROSS?!
A DREAM...
SHUDDER
SIGH
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?!

シャカ SHAKE
シャカ SHAKE
シャカ SHAKE

I REALLY DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE..
SO WORRIED, CHI-CHAN.
...
WHY HIDE IT...?
WHAT ...?
WHY?
THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT...
HUH?
WELL...
IF I COULD JUST TELL HIM...
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW HE'LL...
REACT...

TREMBLE ふるえ
HOLD ON...
THAT'S THE REASON ...?
WHAT?
WHAT?
WHAT?!
...
I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL!!
CLATTER
BUT HE'S...
A GUY.
AND STUFF
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE THINGS LIKE THEY ARE...!!

...
SO YOU'D BE WITH HIM OUT OF PITY?
YOU WANT HIM TO PITY YOU?
WELL, WHATEVER THE CASE...
WHY DON'T YOU TRY MAKING A CHANGE?

AL-
THOUGH...
BEING WITH SOMEONE WHEN THEY DIDN'T LOVE ME..
IF IT WAS ME, I COULDN'T STAND THAT.
OH, MAN... I'M HUNGRY!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE WOULDN'T MIND EITHER WAY, HUH?
YOU KNOW...
I HAD A DREAM ABOUT YOU LAST NIGHT, CHITOSE-SAN.

I CAN'T...!
HUH?
I CAN'T SAY WHAT IT WAS ABOUT, THOUGH.
WH..
WHY TELL ME, THEN...?
IF IT WAS ME, I COULDN'T STAND THAT.

HAAH
CHITOSE-SAN.
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH.
UM...
WELL ...
THAT'S ...
DO...
DO YOU HAVE SIBLINGS?
HEE HEE
MAN, I'M HOPELESS ...!
THE KIND WHO READS INTO EVERYTHING!
THERE!
DO I HAVE.... SIB-LINGS?

I DON'T REALLY LIKE TO TALK ABOUT IT, BUT ..
IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING, SO...
I HAVE AN OLDER SISTER...
A LITTLE BROTHER AND TWO LITTLE SISTERS.
THAT MANY?!
FOR A MODERN FAMILY...
FIVE KIDS?!
YEAH, I KNOW.
SHARING BUNK BEDS WITH A LITTLE BROTHER AT MY AGE...
HARD TO BELIEVE, HUH?
HA HA HA --
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE PRETTY FRUSTRATED!

WHIRL
HUH?!
JUMP
WHAT?
I AM PRETTY FRUSTRATED...
...
!!
かぁぁぁ
BLUUUUSH
I JUST REMEMBERED...
MY DREAM...
I DIDN'T MEAN FRUSTRATED THAT WAY!
NOT... WHAT I MEANT!
SWISH
Y-YEAH...!

YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, DION'T YOU?
*CONGRATULATION!! ATSUMU'S DREAM PROGRESSES!
(ATSUMU-VISION)
SWISH
SWISH
AH, I KNEW IT..
I REALLY DO LOVE HIM... A LOT.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT...
I'LL STOP.
SIGH ... STOP.
POOF
SHOCK
OH, NO... I DIDN'T... REALLY MEAN IT!

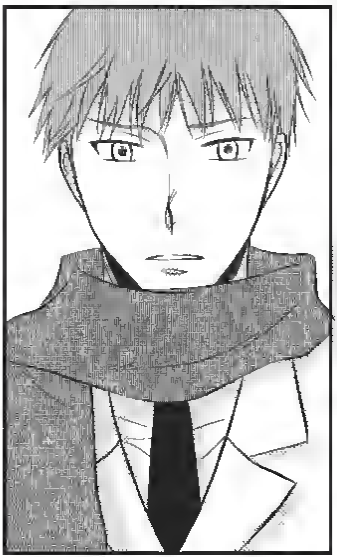
...
I KNOW YOU'RE KIND, CHITOSE-SAN...
UMM...
IT'S JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING.
SO THAT'S OKAY.

AGE 19
AGE 14
AGE 11
AGE 7
AGE 16
OH... YEAH.
WELL, IT'S MORE NOISY THAN LIVELY
IT...
IT MUST BE FUN TO HAVE SUCH A LIVELY HOME?
NOT LIKE MY HOUSE... MY PARENTS ARE HARDLY EVER HOME, SO I'M ALWAYS ALONE
ISN'T... THAT GUY THERE?
BUT...

YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND
AH...
SORRY...
YANK
I'M NOT KIND..
AT ALL.
...
IT'S...
IT'S NOTHING

I'M HURTING YOU, SHINKAWA ..
AREN'T I...?
YOU STARTED ACTING DIFFER-ENT...
INSTEAD OF UNDER-STANDING ...
I'M MAKING YOU FEEL UPSET AND ANXIOUS.
...
TRUTH-FULLY...

EVEN IF... YOU ARE HURTING ME..
IF IT'S YOU, CHITOSE-SAN, I DON'T MIND.
...I'M SORRY.
I SAID I DON'T MIND --
NOT FOR THAT.



THERE'S

SOMEONE *ELSE* I LIKE.

I KNOW... I SHOULD HAVE...
TOLD YOU FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, BUT...
I ALREADY KNEW.
I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME.
HUH?
IT'S HIM, RIGHT?
かぁ～
BLUSH
WHAT?!
W-WHY DO YOU --?

I SAW YOU TOGETHER AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
IT JUST... CLICKED LIKE, "OH, NOW I SEE."
I WAS... ALREADY IN LOVE WITH YOU, CHITOSE-SAN.
...
I DON'T CARE... IF I'M NOT YOUR FIRST CHOICE.
CHITOSE-SAN...
I...

IF I'M YOUR SECOND OR THIRD..
IF YOU COULD START TO LIKE ME EVEN A LITTLE BIT ~~
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO TELL YOU.
THIRD CHOICE?
WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK...?
MAYBE...
I WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM BEING YOUR THIRD CHOICE.

UM..
UH...
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.
YEAH.
KACHAK
カチャ
CHITOSE-SAN...?

I DON'T...
WANT YOU TO WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT'S A LIE...
...GOOD-BYE.
WAIT...
SHIN-KAWA...
SHINKAWA ...!

I WANT HIM NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO DO.
I LIED TO HIM.
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH...
HAAH
HAAH
I WANT TO TOUCH HIM...
PROTECT HIM...
MAKE HIM MINE.
I WANT TO PROTECT HIM
AND MAKE HIM MINE..!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME...
I'VE EVER FELT THAT WAY...
ABOUT ANYONE
BUT...
HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME?
SHIN-KAWA.
NO, YOUR FIRST NAME.
IT'S ATSUMU.
HMM...
ATSUMU SHINKAWA

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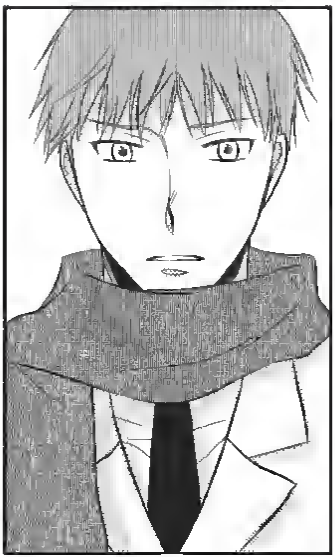

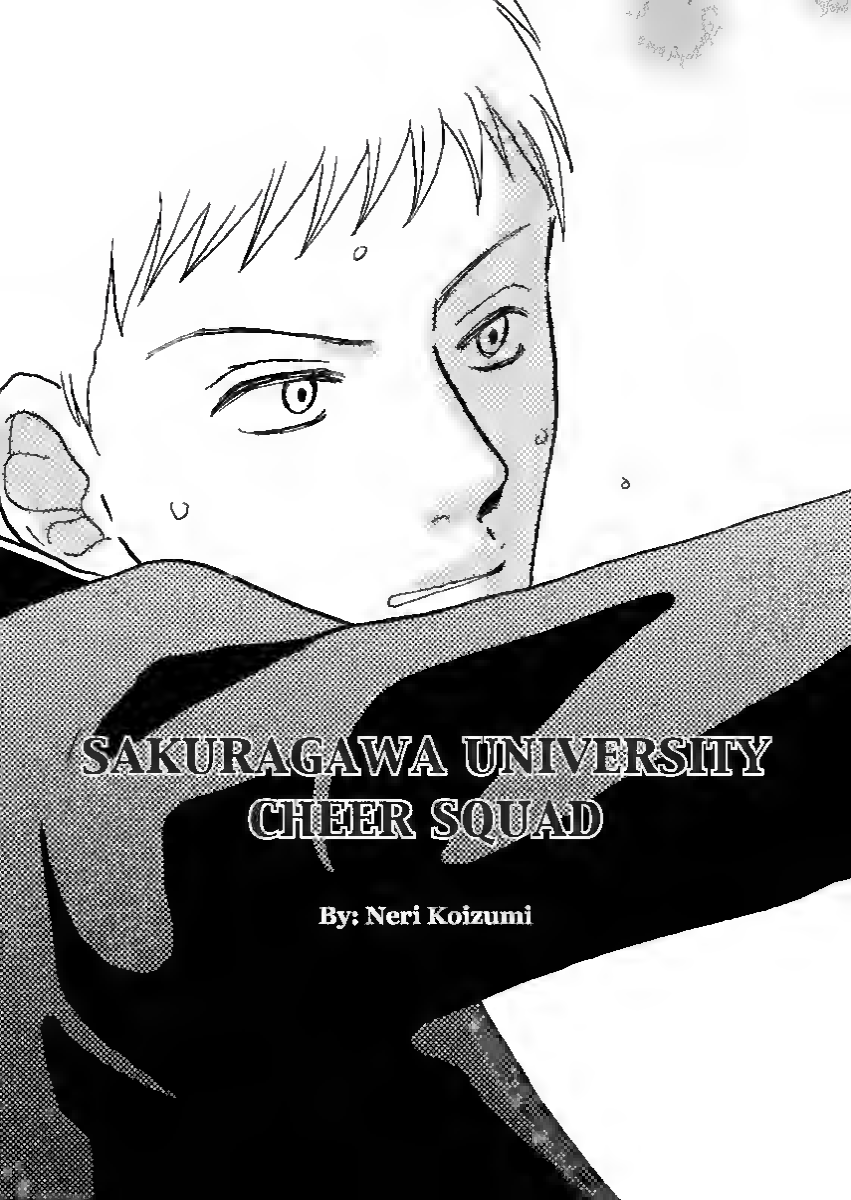
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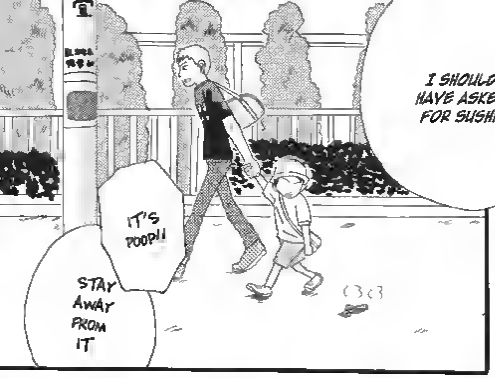
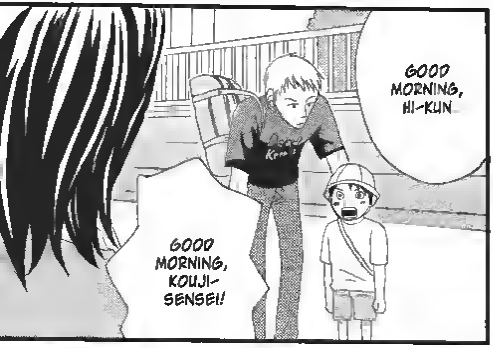
CHEER SQUAD
By: Neri Koizumi

THE SCHOOL HAS A LOT OF HISTORY, AND ITS CHEER SQUAD WAS FOUNDED 80 YEARS AGO.
SAKURAGAWA UNIVERSITY
SAKURAGAWA UNIVERSITY CHEER SQUAD
YOU'RE A GUY!
MY MAKE-UP IS RUNNING -- I NEED TO GO HOME!
DAILY DILIGENCE IS WRITTEN RIGHT INTO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK.
COME BY MY PLACE TONIGHT
IT VALUES DISCIPLINE AND ORDER
IF YOU IGNORE THE BOTH CHEER SQUAD CAPTAIN
THAT IS...

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE!!
I'M OUT OF BEER.
PLEASE, MASANORI!!
DAMN! EXTORTION BY MY OWN LITTLE BROTHER!
I'M AFRAID THE CHEER SQUAD KEEPS ME VERY BUSY.
ALL RIGHT!! I'LL PAY YOU... AND I'LL BUY YOU DINNER!!
ガタッ HOP
SMIRK
IT'S A DEAL!


STAY AWAY FROM IT
IT'S POOP!!

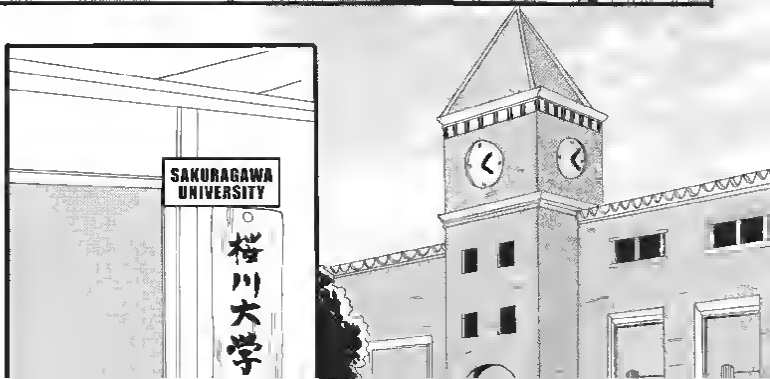

GOOD MORNING, KOUJI-SENSEI!
GOOD MORNING, HI-KUN

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR SUSHI.
DAMN.
I WANNA SEE THE BIG MARBLES ..!

YOU'RE HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, RIGHT?
I'M SHIINA HISANORI-KUN'S FATHER MENTIONED YOU.

YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR BROTHER, MASANORI-SAN
THAT IDIOT AND I DON'T--
I MEAN, I HEAR THAT A LOT!
HI. I'M HISANORI'S UNCLE, MASANORI.
HIS PARENTS ARE BUSY, SO I'M LOOKING AFTER HIM WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
I SEE. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
PFF!
ぐわし
CRUNCH
ムニュ
POKE
BANG! BANG!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WITH TODAY, HI-KUN?
BUILDING BLOCKS!
NOW, HISANORI! DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOUR TEACHER!
☆
UMM... OKAY.

GOOD MORNING, SENSEI!
GOOD MORNING, CHIKA-CHAN.
HAVE A NICE DAY.
I HAVE CLASS. SEE YA!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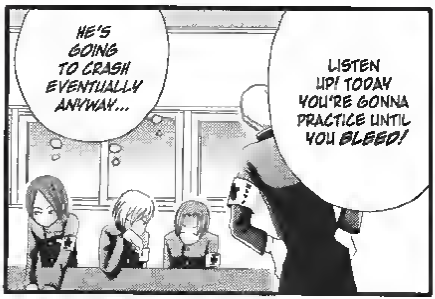
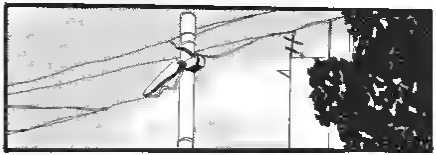
YOU'RE KINDA FREAKING ME OUT.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T MAKE ME SMACK YOU.

SIGH
ハァ


HE'S GOING TO CRASH EVENTUALLY ANYWAY...
LISTEN UP! TODAY YOU'RE GONNA PRACTICE UNTIL YOU BLEED!

TODAY MY HEART'S AS CLEAR AS THE SKY!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH HIM
SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM?
HEY WHISPER
HEY WHISPER



GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING!
IT IS. THE SAKURAGAWA FESTIVAL IS COMING UP. EVERYONE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
NICE WEATHER TODAY, ISN'T IT?
I'M STRIKING OUT HERE
DAMN...

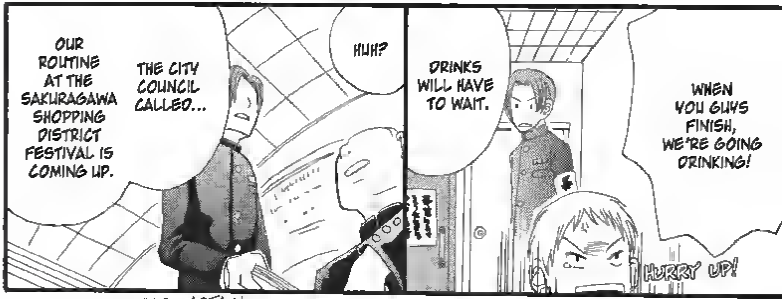
SASAHA-KUN...?
ISN'T THERE ANY WAY TO GET TO HIM?
IT LOOKS LIKE NUMBER EIGHT IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER. COULD YOU GO AND WARN THEM ..?
NUMBER EIGHT?
WOW..
HE'S NOT WITH HIS REGULAR.
DAMN STUPID HOSTS.
THEY'RE REALLY GOING AT IT.
RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN.
IDIOTS.

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO.
WHOA!
WHOA!!
MN...
YOU WANT ME TO FUCK YOU LATER, DON'T YOU?
NGH...
SUCK
SUCK
COME ON, TAKE IT DEEPER
EXCUSE ME. THIS IS NOT A HOTEL PLEASE GET THE HELL OUT.
YOU'RE NASTIER THAN YOU LOOK.
NGH .. AHNN...

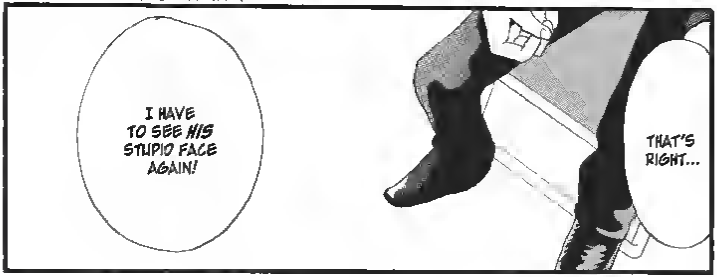
...
I'M SORRY ...!
WHOA!

UM, YES..
I'M GOING MAKE SURE YOU PAY
FINE...
CLINK
ZIP
UM...
SWEAT
SWEAT
SWEAT

OF COURSE NOT.
PLEASE...
DON'T TELL THE STUDENTS OR THEIR PARENTS..!
S-SASAHA-KUN?
THAT'S THE CLUB'S ALCOHOL..!


OUR ROUTINE AT THE SAKURAGAWA SHOPPING DISTRICT FESTIVAL IS COMING UP.
THE CITY COUNCIL CALLED...
HUH?
DRINKS WILL HAVE TO WAIT.
WHEN YOU GUYS FINISH, WE'RE GOING DRINKING!
HURRY UP!

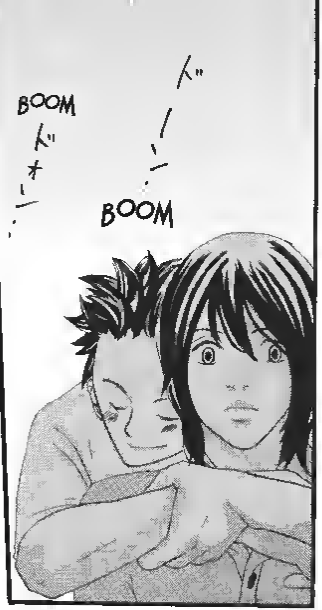
VICE-CAPTAIN



IT'S JEFF LYNNE AND IDLE RACE, NOT "ACE" YOU DUMBASS! DROP DEAD!
THE LAST TIME HE DRANK WITH THEIR MEMBERS, THERE WAS A FIGHT...
THE NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB
WHO'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
THEY CARRY THE TROPHY
THEY'RE BIG FANS OF FOREIGN BANDS
DON'T RUIN OUR SQUAD'S NAME...!
PLEASE...
WILL IT BE OKAY?
STEAM
STEAM
HIS FAMILY OWNS A BAR, SO I THOUGHT I COULD GET ALONG WITH HIM... BUT HE'S A FREAK!
椎名酒店
SHIINA ALCOHOL
ビール
日本酒
ウイスキー
BEER, JAPRESE SRKE, WHIRREY
ようこそ
WELCOME TO SRKURRGRWR SROPPIRG DISTRICT

HE SAID HE'D BE RIGHT BACK!
HE'S LATE!
STOP STANDING AROUND AND GET TO WORK!!
I'M BACK
ALL THIS AND
WELCOME BACK, KOU-CHAN!
YOU SAID WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH, BUT YOU JUST WANT TO DRINK IT YOURSELF, DON'T YOU?
SORRY BROTHER, BUT I LOVE ALCOHOL...
I WAS BORN IN A BAR, AFTER ALL.
I GOT YOUR FAVORITE, DAD!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
DAMN, THEY'VE STARTED ALREADY.
I'LL GO SEE


BOOM
BOOM

I'M GOING TO SEE, TOO.
HEY! KOU-CHAN?!

THE SHOPPING DISTRICT CHAIRMEN THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD FOR BUSINESS TO HIRE THE UNIVERSITY CHEER SQUAD TO PERFORM.
OH?
SOUNDS INTERESTING.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE LED BY A PUNK!

I KNOW HOW MUCH MY BROTHER TRIES TO PROTECT ME...
KOU-CHAN!
HE ALWAYS LOOKS AFTER ME WHEN I'M HURT.
DON'T CRY, KOU-CHAN...
YOU WERE RIGHT TO BREAK UP WITH HIM!
YOU DESERVE TO BE HAPPY.
I'LL BEAT UP ANYONE WHO HURTS YOU.
AND...
HE REALLY DID, TOO...
HE USED TO BE A DELINQUENT.

I'M SORRY, BROTHER.
BUT IT WASN'T SATISFYING AT ALL.
THAT'S WHY I FOUND SOMETHING TEMPORARY...
I WAS AFRAID OF FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN.

NOW, 80TH SAKURAGAWA UNIVERSITY CHEER SQUAD!
WHO REALLY UNDERSTANDS ME?
WILL I EVER FIND SOMEONE...
BROTHER...
LIKE WE'RE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER?
SOMEONE WHO MAKES ME FEEL...
FOLLOW YOUR CAPTAIN'S LEAD!
LET'S PRAY FOR SAKURAGAWA SHOPPING DISTRICT'S CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY!

ドォーン
BADUM
FEEL THE STORM!

BABUM
ドゴーン

IT'S HIM...!
THAT'S IT...
THAT BURNING INTENSITY...
TAKING EVERYTHING AWAY.

THERE WERE SO MANY PEOPLE!
WOW...
WE DID IT! NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE BANQUET!
MORITA BA
AH
...
SASAHA-SAN?
UM...

I'M SORRY...
ABOUT THE TROUBLE I CAUSED THE OTHER DAY
IT'S FINE.
...
UM...
THE CHEER SQUAD DID A GREAT JOB..
AND...

YOU WERE AMAZING.
REALLY.
BROTHER!!

ACK!
WHY'D YOU WANDER OFF?!
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU BEING HERE ALONE
HEY, COME ON...!
...
"BROTHER"?
YES.
HE'S MY BROTHER.
YOU'RE THAT PUNK FROM THE CHEER SQUAD!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH MY BROTHER?!
THAT'S ENOUGH!

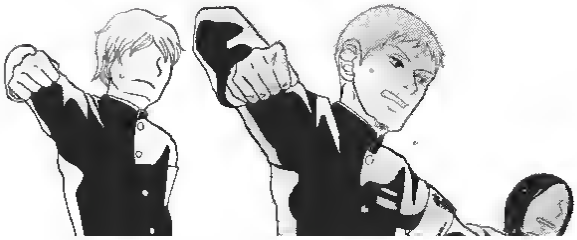
I THINK I'LL BE GOING.
SASAHA-SAN, WAIT!!
CAN I HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?
N-NO!
THEN YOUR PHONE NUMBER!
NO!!
YOUR ADDRESS?
NO WAY!!
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEM?

CHERRY BLOSSOMS RAIN DOWN ON THE SAKURAGAWA UNIVERSITY CHEER SQUAD...

BUT SPRING...

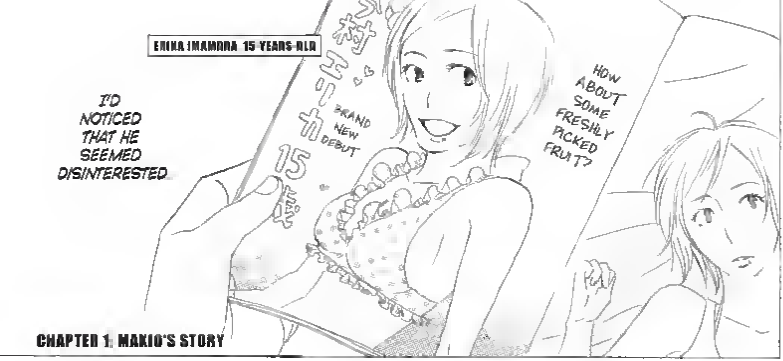
IS A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME.

SAKURAGAWA UNIVERSITY CHEER SQUAD • END



# BOYFRIEND

BY HARUKI FUJIMOTO


ERIKA IMAMURA 15 YEARS OLD
BRAND NEW DEBUT
I'D NOTICED THAT HE SEEMED DISINTERESTED
HOW ABOUT SOME FRESHLY PICKED FRUIT?
CHAPTER 1: MAKIO'S STORY

OR MAYBE JUST INDIFFERENT
YEAH SHE IS
SHE'S CUTE RIGHT? RIGHT?
I THOUGHT HE WAS SHY...

HERE, DRINK THIS
YOU LOOK KIND OF PALE, MAN. YOU OKAY?
AH... I'M FINE, MAKIO...
BUT...
WE'VE BEEN HANGING OUT TOGETHER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT RYOUJI
RYOUJI.
YOU WANTED TO TELL ME SOMETHING?

I NEVER THOUGHT WHAT HE WAS "DISINTERESTED" IN IS GIRLS
I'M IN LOVE WITH TAKAHASHI.

MAKIO!
DINNER!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

"I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THIS...
"IT PROBABLY GROSSES YOU OUT, RIGHT?"
"THAT MUST COME AS A SHOCK TO YOU."
"BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HEAR IT FROM SOMEBODY ELSE."
"BUT I WANTED TO TELL YOU MYSELF..
"..."
"'SOMEBODY ELSE...?' HAVE YOU TOLD ANYONE ABOUT IT?"

"I'M THINKING ABOUT TELLING TAKAHASHI"
GYAAAAH!!
ARE YOU ASKING ME WHAT YOU SHOULD DO?!
WHAT THE ...? MAN — YOU'RE SERIOUS?!
CLUNK
CRASH
BEING LOUD
WHAT'S HE DOING UP THERE?
PAUSE
GEEZ! WHAT AM I GONNA DO...?
ROLL
ROLL
I'M NOT THE ONE HE'S IN LOVE WITH.
WHAT AM I GETTING SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
WAIT.
"I...?"

RIGHT NOW, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A DILEMMA.
CHAPTER 2. RYOUJI'S STORY
KEEP GOING
JUST A LITTLE MORE...
GOOD ENOUGH, RYOUJI? WE CAN SEE IT FROM HERE, CAN'T WE?
ISN'T THIS...
IT'S SO DARK, I CAN'T SEE THE TOP.
WOW.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I CLIMBED THESE STAIRS. I FORGOT HOW HARD IT IS

MAKIO LOOKED SHOCKED WHEN I TOLD HIM
I GUESS ANYONE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THEIR FRIEND IS GAY.
HAVE YOU BEEN UP HERE SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL?
THEY ALWAYS USED TO MAKE US CLIMB THESE STAIRS DURING PRACTICE.
...
"BY 'TAKAHASHI'... YOU MEAN TAKAHASHI...?"
STILL, HE TALKED IT OVER WITH ME, CAREFULLY CHOOSING HIS WORDS.
I KNOW HE WAS TRYING TO HELP ME IN HIS OWN WAY, BUT...
LEMON LIME SODA
"...I SEE."
--- JI
RYOUJI!

ANSWER ME, AT LEAST!
IF I DO, I'LL PROBABLY RUN OUT OF BREATH...
YOU ACTED LIKE THE CLIMB WAS NO BIG DEAL... HA HA HA
BUT THE TRUTH IS, YOU'RE OUT OF SHAPE!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID IT WAS HARD..!
NOPE, SORRY.
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYERS KEEP FIT.
I WANT TO BELIEVE...
THERE'S A REASON YOU DIDN'T TRY AND TALK ME OUT OF IT, MAKIO
I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT...
YOU MIGHT BE SAYING THAT NOW...
BUT YOU'VE WANTED TO QUIT THE WHOLE WAY.

KABOOM
I TOLD YOU. THE VIEW FROM HERE..
IS THE BEST.
STEP
YOU WERE TELLING ME THAT SOMEDAY I'LL SAY, "I'M GLAD I TOLD HIM"
RYOUJI ...?
TAKA-HASHI..
I... I LOVE...
SO I'LL FEEL LIKE..
WHAT'S WRONG?

WHY YOU ALWAYS LOOK SO SAD?
I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW...
CHAPTER 3: THHHHHSRI'S STORY
WHAT?
Y-YEAH?
WHAT'S THE Y-AXIS AGAIN,
RYOUJI?
SLURP
RYOUJI!

WHAT? YOU HAVE TO ASK? IT'S EASY!
HE'S A REALLY NICE GUY.
HE'S CHEERFUL...
HE'S REALLY SMART, TOO.
BUT NOT ANNOYINGLY SO.
ANYTHING MEAN-SPIRITED
HE NEVER SAYS...
MY BROTHER SAYS I'M AN IDIOT, TOO!
HA HA
COME ON, YOU'RE NOT

SEE YOU LATER!
IF RYOUJI EVER TOLD ME HE HAD A PROBLEM..
I'D HELP HIM OUT HOWEVER I COULD.
EVEN IF SOMEONE GIVES HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO.
I'M OFF TO MODERN JAPANESE
NOW THAT'S AN EASY CLASS
I'D TRY MY BEST TO COMFORT HIM, BUT..
I..
I LOVE YOU.

SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...?
RYOUJI...!
I'M THE CAUSE OF RYOUJI'S SADNESS.
I MADE HIM CRY.

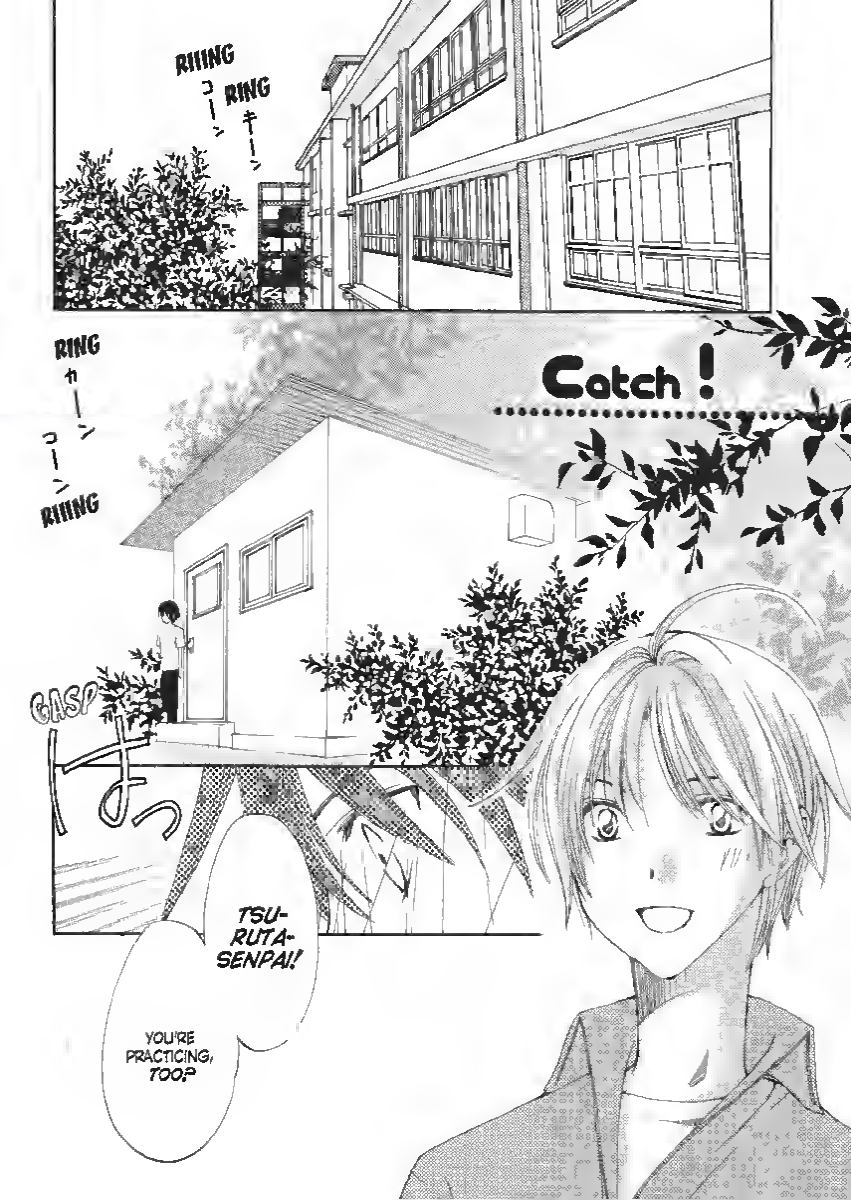
## CHAPTER 4: MARIO'S STORY, PART 2

I'M NOT AVOIDING HIM OR ANYTHING, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD ANY REASON TO SEE HIM...
AND RYOUJI HASN'T COME TO ME, EITHER.
KATOUK
I HAVEN'T SEEN RYOUJI SINCE OUR CONVERSATION
DISTURBED BY WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT, SO...
HONESTLY, I WAS...
I WONDER HOW TAKAHASHI REACTED...?
PROBABLY MADE RYOUJI NERVOUS.
I JUST DID WHAT WAS EASIEST FOR ME. MY REACTION...

AAAAHHH!
WHILE I WAS BUSY FREAKING OUT...
RYOUJI NOT ONLY TOLD HIM BUT MUST'VE GOTTEN AN ANSWER...
WHATEVER IT WAS
AT THE LAST TOURNAMENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, TAKAHASHI CAME UP TO BAT IN THE FINAL INNING WITH TWO OUTS AND OUR TEAM BEHIND BY A RUN.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
WHEN I SAW HIM LAUGHING IN THE BATTER'S BOX, I THOUGHT HE WAS A JERK, BUT...
ACTUALLY, TAKAHASHI...
WAS REALLY COOL

I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHY RYOUJI LIKES YOU.
YOU SHOULD FEEL LUCKY THAT HE DOES.

# Catch !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Catch!
GASP
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TSU-RUTA-SENPAI!
YOU'RE PRACTICING, TOO?

I... I SEE MOCHIZUKI-KUN!
SINCE THE TOURNAMENT'S COMING UP, I ALWAYS TRY TO PRACTICE, EVEN FOR A FEW MINUTES...
AT MY FIRST TOURNAMENT, I COULDN'T RELAX AT ALL!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S OKAY IF WE DON'T USE THE EQUIPMENT, RIGHT? LET'S GO PRACTICE TOGETHER IN THE COURTYARD.
WHAT IS IT, SENPAI? YOU LOOK NERVOUS.
OH!
MMM!
AHH!
...
...

GASP
は?
N-NO, I DON'T!
YOU WANT TO SPY ON THEM, SENPAI?
OH... THAT'S WHY
LET'S GO OVER THERE.
JUST COME ON!
GRAB

WAH!
WE HAVE TO HIDE!
THEY'RE COMING, BUT?
わたっ SWISH
わたっ SWISH
THEY MUST WANT TO BE CAUGHT IF THEY'RE DOING IT IN THERE.
TRUE, BUT --!
JOLT
MOCHI-ZUKI-KUN?!
QUIET.

IF THEY SEE US LIKE THIS, THEY'LL JUST *IGNORE* US AND WE CAN DO THE SAME.
CHATTER CHATTER
B-BUT --!
*HIS SHOULDERS ARE SO BROAD, HIS ARMS SURROUND ME COMPLETELY. IT'S KIND OF COMFORTING...*
HIDE YOUR FACE...
*MOCHIZUKI-KUN'S HEARTBEAT...*
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
*THE SOUND MAKES ME FEEL SAFE*

MOCHI-ZUKI--
SHH.
DRESS
HIS BREATH..
I CAN FEEL IT ON MY EAR
CRUNCH
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
INTERRUPTED!
W-WHAT'S THAT?
IS IT MY HEARTBEAT?!

SIGH
I DIDN'T GET TO PRACTICE...
CLATTER
CLATTER
NOTHING!
WHAT ARE YOU SIGHING ABOUT, TSURUTA-SENPAI?
DO YOU SNEAK AROUND TO DO IT, SENPAI?
BATHUMP
RELAX.

IF YOU'VE GOT A GIRLFRIEND, YOU SHOULDN'T *HAVE* TO DO THAT KIND OF THING AT AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL.
OF COURSE NOT!
WELL, I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...
BUT EVEN IF I *WERE* DATING SOMEONE HERE, I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT AT SCHOOL!
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING ME SAY...?
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO DO IT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
OF COURSE NOT!

CLUTTER
CLUTTER
I'M GOING HOME, COACH!
OH -- I'M LEAVING, TOO.
CLICK
HUH...?!
W- WAIT!
COACH! COACH SAKURA!
BAM
BAM
BAM
NO WAY ..!

BUMP
HE LEFT, HUH?
WANT TO SIT DOWN?
SURE
SIGH
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
THEY'LL BE BACK TOMORROW.
I DON'T HAVE MY CELL PHONE!
ME EITHER
OUR PARENTS WILL WORRY!
MINE WON'T -- I STAY AT FRIENDS' HOUSES A LOT
HOW ABOUT YOU, SENPAI?
I HAVE THREE BROTHERS, SO THEY LET US DO WHAT WE WANT MOST OF THE TIME
WOW, THAT MUST BE NICE

ACHOO
HERE, PUT THIS ON.
IT'S OKAY I'M NOT COLD, OR ANYTHING
IT'S JUST THE *DUST* IN HERE
PUT IT ON!
... OKAY!
YOU'RE PRETTY *SKINNY* SENPAI, SO YOU MUST CATCH COLDS EASY
PLEASE, PUT IT ON I'M NOT COLD AT ALL YET. .
PUSH

O-OUR SHOULDERS ARE TOUCHING! IT MAKES ME NERVOUS...
JUST RELAX!
IT SMELLS LIKE MOCHIZUKI-KUN. LIKE THIS AFTERNOON...
BLUSH
WHAT THE HELL AM I THINKING ABOUT?
THANKS.
SKITTER
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SKITTER
RUSTLE
SQUEAK
W-WHAT'S THAT?
A MOUSE?!

S-SORRY!
REPEAT
GRASP
MOCHIZUKI-KUN...?
THIS PLACE MUST GET USED A LOT FOR THAT, HUH?
IT'S A PERFECT SPOT FOR IT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THAT"...?

NN!
KISS
WH-WHAT THE...?
KISS
HAAH
WHY?!
!
BADUM
HAAH
HAAH
BADUM
BADUM

A HEARTBEAT.
IS IT MOCHIZUKI-KUN'S...?
IT'S BEATING SO LOUD.
BATHUMP
BATHUMP
BATHUMP
BATHUMP
HUH? WAIT...
WAIT A MIN-

M-MOCHIZUKI! I CAN'T!!
AH!
I WANT TO PULL AWAY, BUT HE'S BEING SO GENTLE
MY BODY FEELS STRANGE
MMM!
HAAH
TSURUTA-SENPAI!

HAAH
FWAP
FWAP
THRUST
STOP...
AHH!
NN!
HAAH
TSURUTA-SENPAI!
KISS
MOCHI-ZUKI!
AH!
HAAH
AH!
YANK
MOCHI-ZUKI...
MOCHI-ZUKI!

I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
I CARE ABOUT YOU, TSURUTA-SENPAI.
WHY THE HELL NOT..?
BECAUSE WE HUGGED EARLIER.
AND WE'RE STUCK IN THIS ROOM ALONE.
AND YOU SAID YOU MIGHT DATE A GUY, SENPAI.
WELL, I READ INTO THAT LAST PART A BIT.
SO YOU WERE HORNY?
THAT'S NOT IT!

SINCE I STARTED SCHOOL, ALL THIS TIME...
I'VE HAD A *CRUSH* ON YOU.
MY WHOLE *BODY'S* SORE! YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT UP TO ME!
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO SHOCK A PERSON, YOU KNOW THAT?
?

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HUG
I KNOW I'LL MAKE YOU VERY HAPPY!
WHOA.
I'LL CHEER YOU ON ALL THE WAY!
IF I DO POORLY AT THE TOURNAMENT, IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
YOU IDIOT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
GEEZ...!
THE SOUND...
OF HIS HEARTBEAT RELAXES ME.

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Caged Bird
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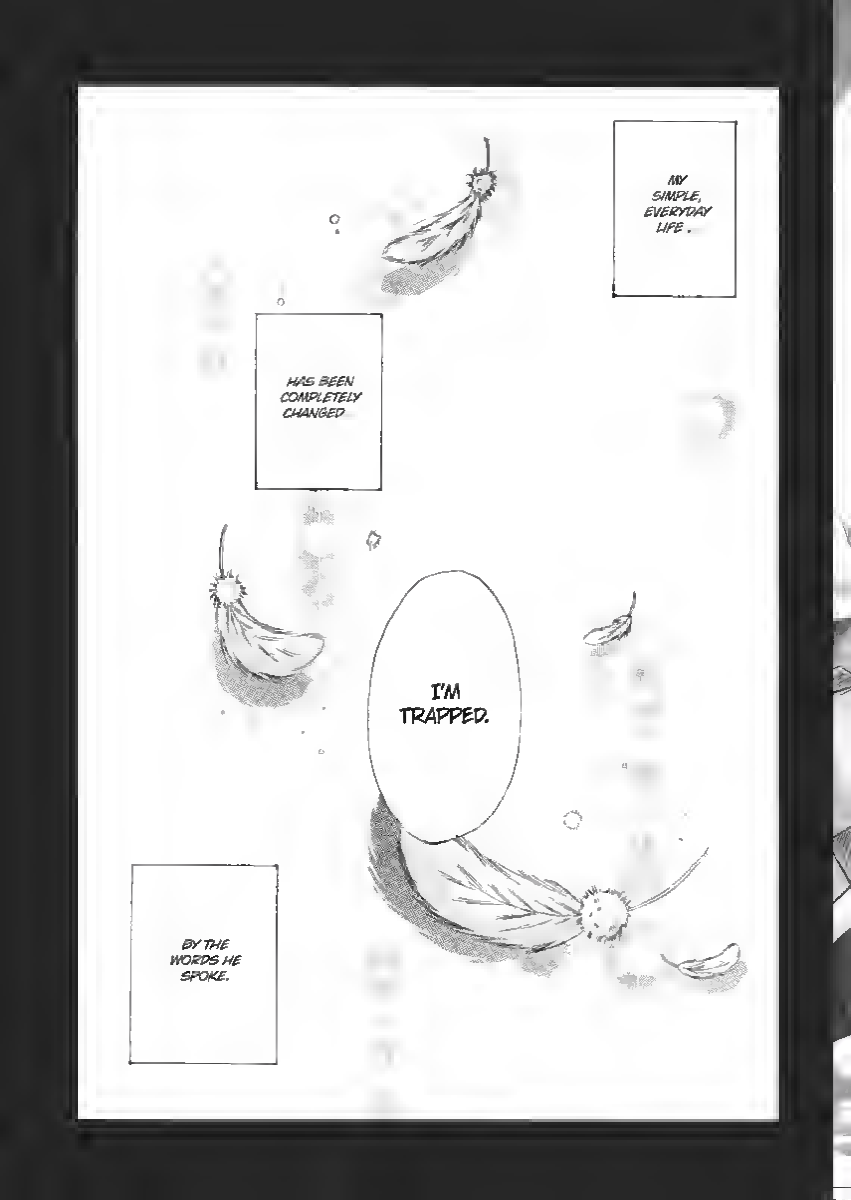
MY SIMPLE, EVERYDAY LIFE.
HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CHANGED
I'M TRAPPED.
BY THE WORDS HE SPOKE.

"BECAUSE I LIKE YOU."
HE LIKES ME ..?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT ME ..
THAT MAKES HIM LIKE ME THAT WAY?

WHY DID I LET HIM DO THAT TO ME?
WHY?
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT THIS WARM FEELING INSIDE MY CHEST IS.

MORNING.
OH.
GOOD.
GOOD MORNING
THAT'S RIGHT -- I REMEMBER HEARING THAT HE'S ON DUTY THIS WEEK ..!
FUJI-MOTO-KUN.
THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE SAYS, "I SURE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE HIM FIRST THING THIS MORNING!"
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE...
GOOD MORNING!
MORNING HANG ON...
YOUR SHIRT SHOULD BE BUTTONED UP TO THE SECOND BUTTON, AT LEAST
OKAY
NOW'S MY CHANCE!

WAH...!
SWOOSH
WH...
WHAT ARE YOU..?
YOUR BUTTONS...
REACH
UH...
!!
ARE WRONG, TOO

HEH HEH
SO CUTE!
HE'S THE ONE YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT, SHIBATA-SAN? THE ONE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S CUTE, ISN'T HE? LIKE A PUPPY!
YOU THINK...?
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR TASTES.
DEVILISH AS THEY ARE
THAT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS TO.
I SEE

WHY CAN'T HE JUST TREAT ME NORMALLY .?
THE THINGS HE DOES ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE FORWARD!
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
WHAT I REALLY DON'T LIKE. .
IS HOW FLUSTERED IT MAKES ME
I GUESS I'LL TRY TO ARRIVE EARLIER TOMORROW —
SLIGHT
I'M MORE ANNOYED WITH MYSELF THAN ANYTHING

OH...
MORNING YOU'RE HERE EARLY..
なんで!?
HOW?!
G..
GOOD.
MORN-ING.?
NO ONE SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL AT THIS HOUR...
IT'S 7 AM, RIGHT ?!
I WAS SURE YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE!
THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE SAYS, "WHY ARE YOU HERE?"
NO!
THAT'S NOT IT
WHAT-EVER
PAT

YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN UP EVEN EARLIER, SHIBATA-SAN..
IF I TOLD HIM THAT I WOKE UP EARLY...
YOU WOKE UP SO EARLY TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?
SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SEE HIM, I WONDER HOW HE'D REACT?
BLUSH!
AM I A LITTLE EXCITED?
OH
THAT'S MY JOB!
WHEN HE'S LIKE THIS..
?
WHAT?
...NOTHING
I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM
HM?

HUH..?
YOUR BUTTONS
YOU FASTENED THEM PROPERLY TODAY
IT'S NOT LIKE I ALWAYS MESS THEM UP, YOU KNOW..!
TOO BAD.
TWITCH
ピクン
I WAS HOPING...
THIS TIME, I COULD FIX THEM FOR YOU MYSELF.

GOOD MOR --
WAH!!
SHOVE
DON'T LOOK AT ME..
YOU'RE THE ONE ACTING SO IMPULSIVELY THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.
I WISH YOU'D COME A LITTLE LATER.
DON'T BLAME ME
I'M ON DUTY TOO
I-D

THE HANDS HE TOUCHED ME WITH WERE COMFORTING...
I WAS READY TO GIVE MYSELF TO HIM
AND JUST LIKE THAT..
FUJIMOTO?
WHAT'S UP? YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE
I'M FINE..

CRASH
WHOA!
AH
I'M SORRY..
OH!
SMOOSH
STEP
YOSHIOKA-SAN!
HEY, YOU'RE THE ONE...
SHIBATA'S INTERESTED IN.
HUHP
INTERESTED
HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT YOU BEING MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN ANYTHING
I
SAY..
...
WOULD YOU HELP ME OUT WITH SOME-THING...?
BOOSH

SORRY TO ASK, BUT...
CAN YOU DELIVER THIS TO SHIBATA FOR ME ?
HE SHOULD BE WORKING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM RIGHT NOW. .
KNOCK KNOCK
EXCUSE ME. .?
CLICK
BAM
I GUESS., HE'S NOT HERE..?
UM...
WHY ASK ME...?
HMM
I THINK HE'D BE HAPPIER. .
IF YOU BROUGHT IT TO HIM

RUSTLE
SHIBATA-SAN..?
RUSTLE
2.2.2.2.2

EVERY DAY, HE WAKES UP EARLY AND WORKS AS A SCHOOL CLERK.
HE MUST BE REALLY TIRED
HN...
OH!
HIS GLASSES...
CLINK

MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND..
IF I TOUCH HIM...
GULP
CLICK
WHAT IT IS THAT I'M FEELING?

GRIP
HAH
?!
SLIDE
MMM...
SLIP
MM!
MMM!

YOU WAKING ME UP LIKE THAT...
NO...FAIR...!
WHICH ONE OF US IS BEING UNFAIR?
ATTACKING ME IN MY SLEEP --!
I...WASN'T...!
WHY DID YOU DO IT?
Shock

I DON'T KNOW
WHY DID YOU KISS ME?
I DON'T KNOW!
I TOLD YOU...
YOU MUST HAVE HAD SOME REASON
YOU DON'T KNOW...?

I...
I GUESS...
I DID IT BECAUSE...
I SEE
YOU COULDN'T HELP YOURSELF -- THAT'S JUST HOW YOU ARE
THEN, I HOPE...
CLUTCH
WAH ...!
KNOCK

HAA... AH...!
HN...!
SHIVER
YOU'LL LET ME FINISH THE JOB...
THAT YOU STARTED.
JOLT
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
STOP...
HAAH
SHIBA-TA-SAN...
NO WAY...
SHAKE

HOOK
...!
PRESS PRESS
I'M NOT FINISHED YET.
!
IT'S OKAY
JUST LOWER YOUR HIPS
AH...!
HAAH
HAAH

ビク
SHOCK
AHH...!
JOLT
DO YOU WANT TO COME?
AHOOH...!
NO...
NO... I CAN'T...!
HAAH
NO MORE...
WEEP
PLEASE...
MAKE ME COME..!

SLIP
GRAB
I GUESS I'M NOT VERY EXPERIENCED EITHER
AH...!
HN!
PULL
HAAH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
OH!
OH...!
AAH!
...
...!
BADOM
POP

"I DON'T KNOW"...?
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO HURT A GUY...
YOU KNOW THAT?
FUJIMOTO-KUN ..?
EVERY TIME HE TOUCHES ME LIKE THIS...
MY WHOLE BODY GOES NUMB...
WHAT'S WRONG?
THAT'S -- !
THAT'S FINE. I CAN DO IT MYSELF
AND ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS FEELING DIZZY

...OKAY.
THANK YOU.
BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE PAIN.
I KEEP LONGING FOR...
LET ME DO IT...
AS A FAVOR.
THAT SWEET PAIN.

*TO FLY AWAY FROM HIM.*

**CAGED BIRD • END**

# 夜のまにまに落ちるのは

IT FALLS AT NIGHT

[SANDSCAPE] original

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落ちるのは
IT FALLS AT NIGHT

HEY...
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS RARE NOW?
70 9 STEP
70 9 STEP
70 9 STEP
IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER BREAK
WHY?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO FOOL AROUND, MIKU.
YOU'VE BEEN DOING CLUB ACTIVITIES AND STUDYING ALL SUMMER.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO ANYWHERE, OKUNO!
うぅ
IT'S TRUE, THOUGH.
I DIDN'T SAY IT LIKE THAT!
BUT
I KNOW IT IS
I TOLD YOU THAT WASN'T MY FAULT.

WE'RE TOGETHER NOW AT LEAST, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T WANT TO COME WITH HIM JUST SO I COULD COMPLAIN...
BUT...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY HAVE TIME WITH YOU.
THAT'S HOW I FEEL.
YOU DRAG ME HERE
IT'S JUST NOT ROMANTIC.
YOU STILL DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE THE DARE
YEAH, WELL...
IT'S A LITTLE COLD, ISN'T IT?
IT'S LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS...!
EEK!
SLAM
P.S.
I GET SCARED EASILY!!

FIDGET
FIDGET
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
...AND DONE.
STAMP
BY THE WAY... THIS IS ONE OF THEM, ISN'T IT?
HUH?
YOU DON'T KNOW? ONE OF THE SEVEN MYSTERIES OF THE SCHOOL.
GULP
GASP!

A STUDENT ONCE JUMPED FROM THE THIRD STORY OF THE BUILDING...
"THE MEMORY MIRROR."
WHAT?
IT HAPPENED AT 9 PM.
SO NOW...
AT 9 PM, IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES, COUNT TO NINE, AND LOOK INTO THE MIRROR...
YOU CAN SEE THAT STUDENT CLIMBING THE STAIRS.

WAH!
ONE.
TWO...
GASP
WHAT IF HE REALLY APPEARS?!
THUMP
DON'T DO IT!
WHAT?!
LET'S TRY IT.
SHUDDER
WHIMPER
HA HA HA
SORRY, I WAS ONLY KIDDING
IT ISN'T NINE NOW ANYWAY
HEY, YOU TWO!
TAP
!
SQUEEZE

OH...!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
GLARE
EEK!
IT'S JUST A DEER IT SEEMS
TH, THAT SCARED ME!
LIM... WE'RE ON A SCAVENGER HUNT
WE HAVE PERMISSION FROM OUR TEACHER
...I SEE. DON'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE ON YOUR LAST DAY
IT'S RAINING..?
THE RAIN MAY BE HEAVY NOW..
BUT IT'LL LET UP SOON
OH, IT IS.
WHEN DID IT START?
POUR
POUR

HURRY HOME
...OKAY
..
OKUNO? WHAT'S WRONG?
SOMETHING IN THE MIRROR?
OH, IT'S NOTHING
...?
REALLY?

POUR
SHOULD WE RUN?
LET'S WAIT UNTIL IT LETS UP.
POUR
ANYWAY, THE RAIN'S REALLY COMING DOWN.
I CAN BARELY SEE THE BUILDING
BUT...
I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE
SLIDE
NOW WE HAVE AN EXCUSE.
POUR
POUR
EXCUSE FOR WHAT?
FOR THIS.
W-WHOA..!

I CAN'T RELAX...
NOT HERE
CREAK
WOOSH
POUR
POUR
WHAT'S WRONG?
FIDGET
FIDGET
ARE YOU SCARED?
WELL... THIS PLACE IS SO OLD.
IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE CORNER.
BAHUM
I CAN SEE FACES IN THE WOOD!
BAHUM
THEN CLOSE YOUR EYES
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING
OKUNO.
SHOULD I BLINDFOLD YOU?
I DON'T THINK THAT'LL HELP

LICK
AH!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WELL, WE DON'T HAVE ANY LUBE.
BUT...
BUT...
AH!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
HAAH
IT'S EMBARRASSING...!
AHH...
THAT'S...
DON'T LICK THERE...!
SLURP
WHY NOT?
I HAVE TO DO THIS RIGHT...

WELL, THEN...
AH
HAAH
WILL YOU GET ME READY?
ZIMP
ACK!
BADUM!!
WHOA!
DON'T BE STUPID!!
I COULD NEVER SAY SUCH DIRTY THINGS!
BADUM HE'S SO DIRECT!
EEK!
I'M STUPID TOO!
I'M NOT SURE I CAN EVEN THINK THEM!
I'VE EVEN MORE EMBARRASSED NOW
HOW DOES HE DO THAT?
BUMP
CREAK
CREAK
MN
MN
AH
AH!

O-OKUNO...?
THAT'S...
AH!
YEAH...
WHAT?
THAT'S ENOUGH?
THRUST
AHH!
IT HURTS
OKUNO...
SORRY...
WAS IT TOO SOON?
NO.
IT'S NOT THAT...
IT'S YOU.
ALMOST LIKE...
YOU'RE BIGGER THAN NORMAL...
PINCH
AH!
THROB
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE HAD TO
HOLD BACK FOR SO LONG
HOLD BACK?
AH!

OH...
BECAUSE I COULDN'T BE WITH YOU
STARE
THEN I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE...?
AH...
AH!
OKU.. NO...
AH!
OKUNO.
MIKU...? YOUR EYES
I THOUGHT YOU WERE SCARED?
YEAH
BUT IF I...
LOOK AT YOU...
I'M NOT SCARED ANYMORE

WOBBLE
HEY
ARE YOU OKAY?
OH, YEAH
かぁ
BLUSH
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER THEN
DRIP
LOOK AT THAT TREE
DAMN WHAT HAPPENED?
IT WENT THROUGH THE WALL
MUST'VE BEEN THE RAIN
IT FLOODED UNDERGROUND AND WRECKED THE CONCRETE.
WOW
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT COULD HAPPEN!
IT'S A GOOD THING WE WEREN'T GOING BY AT THE TIME

ONE MORE REASON
TO TEAR THIS PLACE DOWN
WE GOT CAUGHT IN THE RAIN
YEAH!
SORRY
HEY!
YOU'RE FINALLY BACK!
YOU GUYS TOOK FOREVER!
I KNEW MIKU WOULD BE SO SCARED, HE'D COME BACK WITH HIS LEGS SHAKING!
HEY! WHY ME?!
HA HA HA
YOU KNOW!

I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL!
OH?
WE DIDN'T SEE HIM
A SECURITY GUARD WAS THERE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH HAVE YOU HEARD THE SECURITY GUARD STORY?
OH, YEAH... AT THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING?
WH-WHAT ABOUT HIM...?
THERE WAS A SECURITY GUARD ONCE, WHO TRIED TO KEEP A STUDENT FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE AND GOT KILLED HIMSELF.
THEY SAY IF YOU SEE HIS GHOST, YOU'RE SURE TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT SOON AFTERWARDS
O...
OKUNO.
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
FROM WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE
NO

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, BUT...
NOW I UNDERSTAND
THE GUARD DIDN'T LEAVE A REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR..
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE.
ふらあ
FAINT
YIKES!
SHUDDER
しーん
THUD
AH
MIKU, ARE YOU OKAY?
AH
YEAH...
BUT...
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO HAPPY?
HUH?
BECAUSE...

YOU ALLOWED ME TO DO IT WITH YOU IN PUBLIC
BY PRETENDING TO BE SCARED
EVEN THOUGH...
HE'S A KIND, THOUGHTFUL PERSON.
はっ GASP
AND I WASN'T PRETENDING!
IT CAN'T BE!
WHAT?!
THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK ME ON THE DARE?!
OH, REALLY?
YOU HELD ME PRETTY TIGHT FOR NOT BEING AN ACT
NEXT TIME, I'D LIKE TO GO ON A PROPER DATE
IT WASN'T AN ACT!
BY THE WAY
WE WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO WENT THROUGH WITH THE DARE
LET'S GO!
I'M GOING HOME
I'M SCARED!

**IT FALLS AT NIGHT • END**

I WILL DEVOTE ALL OF MYSELF TO YOU.

Dear Boys
By: Misora Hatori

AYASE?
KAORU AYASE

YES... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WOW HE'S SUPER HANDSOME
YOU'RE KAORU AYASE-KUN
RIGHT?
KUDOU SAIONJI
WHAT... WHAT IS IT...?
STARE
WOULD YOU... LIKE TO COME WITH ME?
SMILE

Dear Boys

# MARIA 【PROLOGUE】

STUDENT COUNCIL
NON-MEMBERS NOT PERMITTED
OH I'VE GOT MAIL
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? THEY SAY YOU SHOULD STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT
AND I DIDN'T DRAG HIM HERE AGAINST HIS WILL. .
GEEZ...
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE AN IDIOT, BUT YOU REALLY OUTDID YOURSELF THIS TIME
PICKING HIM UP AND DRAGGING HIM HERE AGAINST HIS WILL...!
KAIYA SAIONJI
DID I?
WHY...

WHY DON'T YOU STOP, KAIYA? YOU'RE SCARING AYASE.
MAEKAWA HINATA
N-NO...!
WHY DID I..
COME HERE?
NEVER MIND THE FACT THAT I WAS GOING HOME EARLY TO LOOK FOR A JOB.
UM..
BUT WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE..?
SORRY TO SPRING THIS ON YOU. I'M KAIYA SAIONJI FROM CLASS 1-D
I'M THE MANAGER OF SEIKA DORMITORY, HINATA MAEKAWA FROM CLASS 1-A NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M THAT IDIOT'S YOUNGER TWIN BROTHER, AND STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT.
ANYWAY, IF WE DON'T INTRODUCE OURSELVES, HE WON'T KNOW WHO WE ARE.
RIGHT. AYASE'S A TRANSFER STUDENT, ISN'T HE?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

NOW, THE REASON WE CALLED YOU TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM..
CALLED HIM? MORE LIKE YOU KIDNAPPED HIM
HUH?
THEY'RE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FIRST YEARS?
AND I'M STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT KULIYA SAIONJI FROM CLASS 1-A.
♡
IS THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING YOU AS A POSSIBLE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER

HUH?
OH, MAN...
HE'S TURNING US DOWN
GREAK
MAYBE, BUT...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY ARE YOU?

I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT---
OBVIOUSLY.
WHAT A DISTURBING SMILE!
QUIET
WHY? I THINK IT'S A PRETTY TASTY PROPOSITION.
I MEAN, WE FIRST YEARS WILL BE IN TOTAL CONTROL.
YOUR GRADES WILL GO UP TO!
CON-TROL..?
THE STUDENT COUNCIL HAS FAR MORE POWER THAN THE TEACHERS
IT'S TRUE
THIS IS A PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL, SO A LOT OF RICH KIDS GO HERE. REQUESTING BIG DONATIONS IS ACCEPTED, AND THAT MONEY COVERS THE COST OF SCHOOL EVENTS ALMOST COMPLETELY
JOIN US.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY WON'T REGRET IT.

I DON'T WANT POWER
...
AND I NEED TO GET A JOB TO PAY MY EXPENSES
I JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE SCHOOL...
I REALLY TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM, TOO..
MAYBE I CAME ON TOO STRONG?
WHAT SAY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DORM MANAGER?
PLEASE ASK SOMEONE ELSE. EXCUSE ME.

I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS, EITHER
THEN IT'S UNANIMOUS.
THE THREE OF US AT LEAST
HE SEEMS STRONG-WILLED -- I LIKE THAT. I'M PRETTY SET ON HIM
IT'S DECIDED
I'M TIRED...
AND I STILL NEED TO LOOK FOR A JOB
STUDENT COUNCIL, HUH...?
"JOIN US"

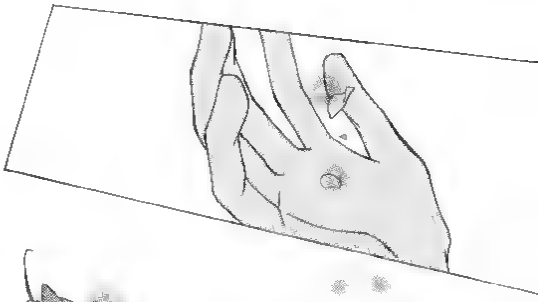
"YOU..
"DEFINITELY WON'T REGRET IT."
I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE THAT GOOD-LOOKING BEFORE... AND THERE'S TWO OF THEM.
THEY LIVE IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORLD FROM ME
HIS NAME WAS... SAIONJI?
ISN'T "SAIONJI" THE NAME OF A TEACHER, TOO?
A PEDIGREE, EH? (MORE THE OLDER BROTHER THAN THE YOUNGER ONE.)
PRETTY INCREDIBLE..

I WOULDN'T FIT IN A PLACE LIKE THAT AT ALL.
BUT...
BUT I---
OFFICE
RATTLE
HEY, SHINYA.

STIR
NN...
YEAH
HUH? MR. SAIONJI'S HERE?!
DID YOU HEAR US?
JERK!
GET UP, ALREADY!
PRESS
MR. SAIONJI YOU'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL FACULTY ADVISOR CAN'T YOU AT LEAST PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS?
YOU'RE THE ONE SKIPPING CLASS TO SLEEP.
GOD! YOU'RE SO ANNOYING!
DON'T STEP IN ME!

THAT'S SO IRRESPONSIBLE
SO? IT'S WHY YOU BROUGHT THAT GUY HERE, RIGHT?
YEP ♡ I GOT HIS PERSONAL INFO WANNA SEE?
SHOW ME
YAAAAWN
ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT I LET YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT?
SHINYA SAIONJI
-SIGH- WHAT POSITION WOULD HE TAKE?
I NEED A CIGARETTE
STUDENT COUNCIL SECRETARY
I SEE.
HE'S GREAT, ISN'T HE?
SO STRONG-WILLED, YOU WANT TO MAKE HIM CRY.

THIS STORY IS NOT YET OVER.



IN SPRING, IT WILL CONTINUE...

WHEN CHERRY BLOSSOMS FALL FROM THE SKY LIKE SNOW.

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS IZUMI?
I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM THIS WORK ASSIGNMENT
SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT
EXCUSE ME.
OH TACHIBANA-SEMPAI
OH RIGHT THE SERVER ROOM
IT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF COFFEE
IT'S TH S AWEED?
HE'S IN THE GOLDFISH BOWL.
GOLDFISH BOWL?
poof

# オフィスの人魚。

OFFICE MERMAID

A MERMAID...!!

HE'S THE VERY PERSONIFICATION OF BEAUTY...!!
THAT'S YOUR BROTHER?!
YUUKI!
...BRO-THER?!
I HAD NO IDEA IZUMI-SAN WAS SO ENCHANTING..!
WHY DIDN'T YOU INTRODUCE ME TO THIS PERSON?!
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!

CAFETERIA
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO GIVE ME THIS?
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
OH, I COULD JUST SQUEAL IT OVER
YOU'RE AMAZING...
YOUR HAIR, FLOWING AS IF ON THE WATER'S SURFACE...
YOUR TRANSLUCENT SKIN...
MURMUR
MURMUR
HEY, HE SOUNDS SERIOUS
HE IS
YOU'RE LIKE A SILVER AROWANA!
HUH?!

...A TROPICAL FISH FANATIC, YES.
HEY
IS YOUR BROTHER...
PARDON ME!
?
YOU REEK OF SWEAT.
KAORU KUN WAS IT?
I HAD A POPEYED GOLDFISH WHEN I WAS TEN!
(MY FAMILY DID)
I SEE!
THIS MIGHT BE MY CHANCE TO GET CLOSE TO HIM! ♡
HE HAS SIX AQUARIUMS IN HIS APARTMENT
HE DOESN'T LIKE ANIMALS BECAUSE OF THE SMELL, SO HE'S ALWAYS OWNED TROPICAL FISH
IS OBSESSED WITH CLEANLINESS.
S-SORRY
NOTHING AT ALL!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
MY BROTHER...

THE SMELL OF SWEAT IS A GOOD THING SOMETIMES.
IN THAT CASE
THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ME.
HE CLAIMS TO DISLIKE STRANGERS BECAUSE OF THEIR SWEAT. HE CAN'T EVEN USE A PUBLIC RESTROOM IF THERE'S ANYONE INSIDE

YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY OPEN
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT!
DON'T BE EMBARRASSED

I THINK IT'S CUTE!
KAIDA-SAN...!
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
DON'T ASK!
TWO WORLDS.

I'LL BET HE DOESN'T SWEAT AT ALL.
NAPKIN.
THIS IS FOR YOU. DON'T WORRY I DIDN'T TAKE A DRINK
I WON'T LET THE WIND BLOW IN TOUCH YOU!
I'LL BET
IZUMI-SAN DOESN'T EVEN GO TO THE BATHROOM.
MAYBE
HE'S MY PERFECT MERMAID

CAFETERIA
I'M VERY SORRY!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
NO ONE'S EVER LIKED ME THIS MUCH BEFORE
IZUMI-SAN!
PLEASE ACCEPT THESE! ♡
CLEANER
MOUSE PAD
WHENEVER WE'RE NEAR...
WHEN HE SAYS MY NAME, MY HEART STARTS TO POUND
I WANT HIM... TO TOUCH ME.
OH
NO, I'M HAPPY ABOUT IT.
BUT...

STRANGE, AREN'T I?
I'M...
DON'T UTTER
NO WAY!!
THAT'S RIGHT...!
WHISPER
YOUR BROTHER'S INTERESTED, RIGHT?
BUT HE'S SUCH A GERMAPHOBE
HE WON'T EVEN KISS
WHISPER
FLINCH
HOW SAD
DEEPLY SUNK
HE'S SUNK

IT MUST BE DIFFICULT TO LOVE SOMEONE AND NOT BE ABLE TO TOUCH THEM
—
H-
HUH?!
チュン CHIRP
チュン CHIRP

I WONDER IF IZUMI-SAN'S ALREADY EATEN LUNCH?
NOODLES
SPECIAL A
IZUMI-SAN?
IS EVERYONE STILL IN THE CAFETERIA
HM?

IZUMI-SAN?!
DAMN!
I DON'T KNOW THE CODE!
PIP
PIP
PIP
BEEEEEP
YUUKI!
BROTHER ?
FWOOSH
IZUMI-SAN'S UNCONSCIOUS!
OPEN THE DOOR!
SHUSH
DA
HE SAID HE DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP LAST NIGHT

HE NEEDS CPR.
GRAB
ほ
WHAT ?!
BROTHER
HE'S DROWNING!
IZUMI-SAN'S SINKING IN DEEP WATER!
HE'S A MERMAID, AFTER ALL!
THAT'S RIGHT!
MOUTH-TO-MOUTH?!
REALLY?!
BROTHER!
YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE, DO YOU?!
THIS IS MY FAULT?!
HURRY!

CLICK
BOOP
PIP
PIP
PIP
GULP

BADUM
MN...

AH...
HUH?
HUH?!
IZUMI-SAN!

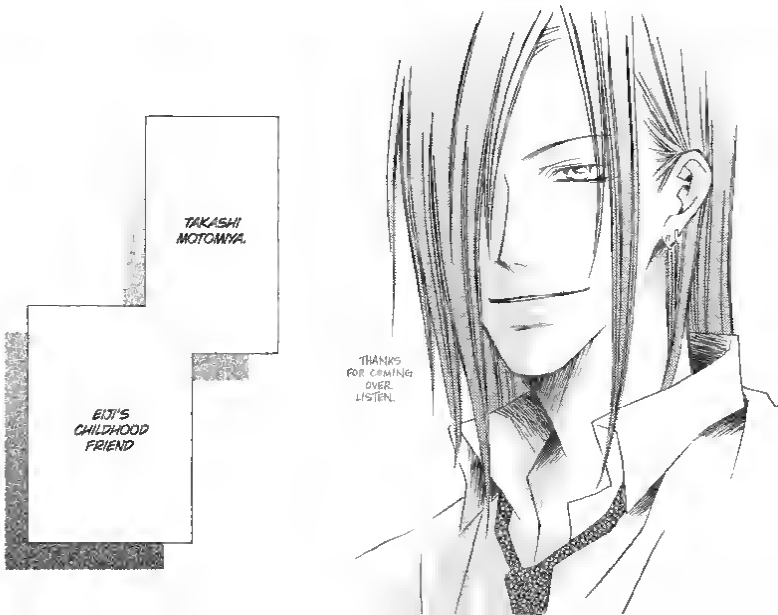
2-1
ALL RIGHT, WHO KNOWS THE NEXT ANSWER?
YAMADA?
X = 31.
CORRECT
AT FIRST GLANCE, I'M AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT...
YES.
MY NAME IS YUKIHIRO NAGASE, 17 YEARS OLD.
BUT I CAN ONLY FALL IN LOVE WITH OTHER GUYS.
YOU KNOW.
I'M WHAT PEOPLE CALL "GAY."

TRI-COLOR LOVE SONG
三色ラブソング
CHAPTER 1

THE ROOF
YUKI.
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO EAT LUNCH TODAY?
HA HA
YOU REALLY LIKE THE ROOF, DON'T YOU?
Hm?
YEAH, SO?
ARE YOU AGAINST THE ROOF?
NOT REALLY.
ANYWHERE IS FINE WITH ME, AS LONG AS....
I'M WITH YOU.
BADUM

THIS IS EIJI TOHNO.
MY BOYFRIEND.
I AM NOT!
YOU'RE TURNING RED.
YOU SURE ARE CUTE
TWO MONTHS AGO, I TOLD HIM I LIKED HIM...
NOW I'M TOTALLY IN LOVE...
BUT I WONDER SOMETIMES IF IT'S ONE-SIDED.
TOHNO-KUN!
MOTOMIYA-KUN IS LOOKING FOR YOU!
OH, OKAY
RIGHT...

BE BACK IN A MINUTE, YUKI
HEY
SURE
THERE'S ALSO HIM.

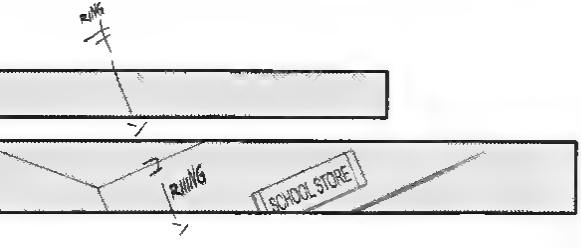

TAKASHI MOTOMIYA.
EIJI'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND
THANKS FOR COMING OVER. LISTEN.

HE'S GOOD-LOOKING, ATHLETIC, HIS GRADES ARE OUT-STANDING...
I DON'T THINK HE'S INTO GUYS...
AND HE'S REALLY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS.
BUT HE GETS ALONG WITH EIJI SO WELL, IT MAKES ME JEALOUS.
WHY ARE YOU FLIRTING WITH HIM?!
GRRR
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DATING ME!!

イラ イラ
GRUMBLE
イラ イラ
GRUMBLE
IT CAN'T BE THAT IMPORTANT!
WHY'D HE LEAVE CLASS TO COME AND TALK TO EIJI ANYWAY?!
カサ STAB
カサ STAB
カサ STAB
...TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH
I'M BACK.
SORRY.
AND?
THAT'S IT.
HM?
HE FORGOT HIS PHYSICS BOOK.
SO I LENT HIM MINE
WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?

...!
WHAT?
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
HMM...
YOU TALKED A LONG TIME JUST FOR THAT
I KNOW THAT!
BESIDES, HE'S GOT A GIRLFRIEND OR TWO
HE'S AN OLD FRIEND..
HEH...

*I WONDER ABOUT THAT. ?*



SUSHI STORE
WOW. IT SURE IS CROWDED TODAY
TWO, PLEASE!
YEAH...
SHOULD WE FORGET IT?
HMM...
YOU JUST WANT YAKISOBA, RIGHT?
HUH?
THE OTHER STORE DOESN'T LOOK AS CROWDED
SMIRK
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BUY IT FOR YOU.
BADUM

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS FLUSTERED...?
GO UP TO THE ROOF AHEAD OF ME.
MAN...
WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE.
YAKISOBA 200 YEN
FRIED CHICKEN 300 YEN
200 YEN
IS HE REALLY STRAIGHT...?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY BUT
CAFETERIA
IT LOOKS DELICIOUS.
I MADE YOU LUNCH TODAY, TAKASHI-SAN...
PLEASE ACCEPT IT! ♡
TWO YAKISOBA, PLEASE
SURE THING!

I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN!!
THEY'RE STILL REALLY CLOSE.
EVEN IF HE IS. .
CREAK
I'LL BET HE THINKS, "IF ONLY I COULD BE WITH EIJI...!"
WAH!
HERE.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DON'T EAT IT.
SNATCH!
... WHAT IS THIS?
IT'S SQUASHED
I BOUGHT YOU ONE.
IT'S THE RIGHT THING, ISN'T IT?
OH, YEAH
THANKS.
YOU STARTLED ME
I COULDN'T HELP IT -- IT WAS THE LAST ONE
WAIT -- I'LL EAT IT!

YOU HAVE SOME ON YOUR FACE.
RIGHT HERE
EIJI...
HEY.
HM...
MAN...
YOU'RE HOPELESS.
HEE HEE
WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER LIKE THIS...
F 2 SUCK

I DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM AT ALL.
WELL? WAS IT GOOD?
YEAH, IT WAS DELICIOUS.
HUH? HEY..
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
CLATTER
REALLY? I'M GLAD
I'LL MAKE IT AGAIN TOMORROW!
OKAY.
SORRY
I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO
DAMN

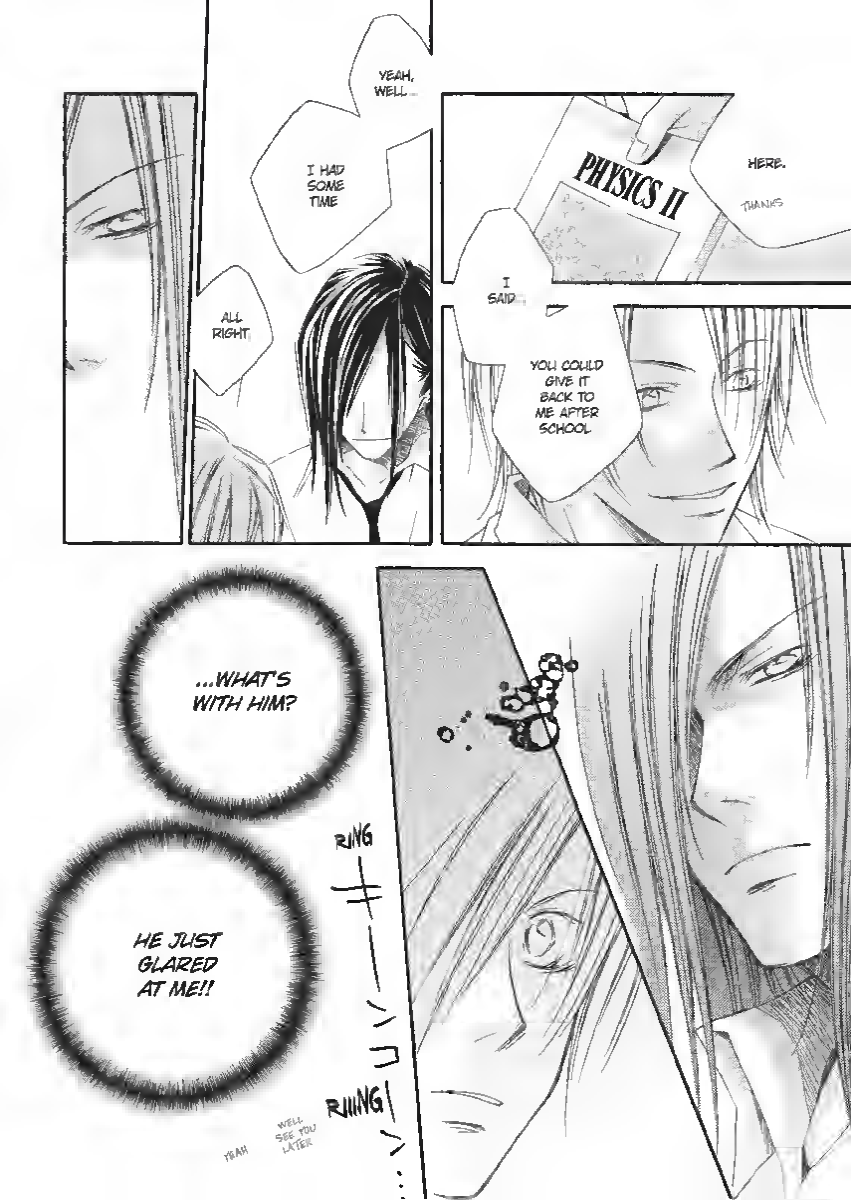
2-1
HEY...
DO YOU KNOW WHERE TOHNO IS?
OH, YEAH..
I THINK HE WENT WITH NAGASE.
RIGHT?
YEAH, I THINK SO
NAGASE?
YEAH...
THE BLONDE KID WHO SITS BEHIND TOHNO
HMM...
THANKS.

...
YOU EAT TOO SLOW, YUKI
YOU EAT TOO FAST!
I TRIED TO EAT FAST
REALLY?
SLURP
STRAWBERRY
POP
AHH
I'M TAKING A NAP
THUMP

I REALLY DO LIKE THE ROOF
IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE.
YEAH.
YUKI .?
HMM?
CHU

REMEMBER OUR FIRST TIME DOING THIS AT SCHOOL?
...YEAH
HOW ABOUT DOING IT AGAIN?
...OKAY

EIJI!
MOTOMIYA!!
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
HEY
HEY... WHAT'S UP?
HEH
YOU TASTE LIKE STRAWBERRY...


YEAH, WELL...
I HAD SOME TIME
ALL RIGHT.
PHYSICS II
HERE.
THANKS
I SAID...
YOU COULD GIVE IT BACK TO ME AFTER SCHOOL
...WHAT'S WITH HIM?
HE JUST GLARED AT ME!!
RING
RING
YEAH
WELL SEE YOU LATER

RATTLE
RATTLE
CREAK
THAT BASTARD!
LET'S GO YUKI.
OH.
YEAH.
COMING ALL THE WAY OVER HERE JUST FOR A TEXTBOOK?
HE COULD HAVE GIVEN IT TO HIM AFTER SCHOOL!!
HE TOTALLY GLARED AT ME!
HE GETS TO WALK HOME WITH EIJI, TOO, BECAUSE I HAVE CLUB ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL...
IT PISSES ME OFF!
"HAD SOME TIME" MY ASS!
HE JUST WANTED TO SEE EIJI!!
IT'S SO OBVIOUS.

HE MUST HAVE FEELINGS FOR EIJI AFTER ALL...!
I DON'T...
LIKE HIM.

# Happiness, Fun, Kindness

By: Midori Nishioqi

OUR MEETING
ON THAT SNOWY
MORNING WAS
DEFINITELY A
MIRACLE

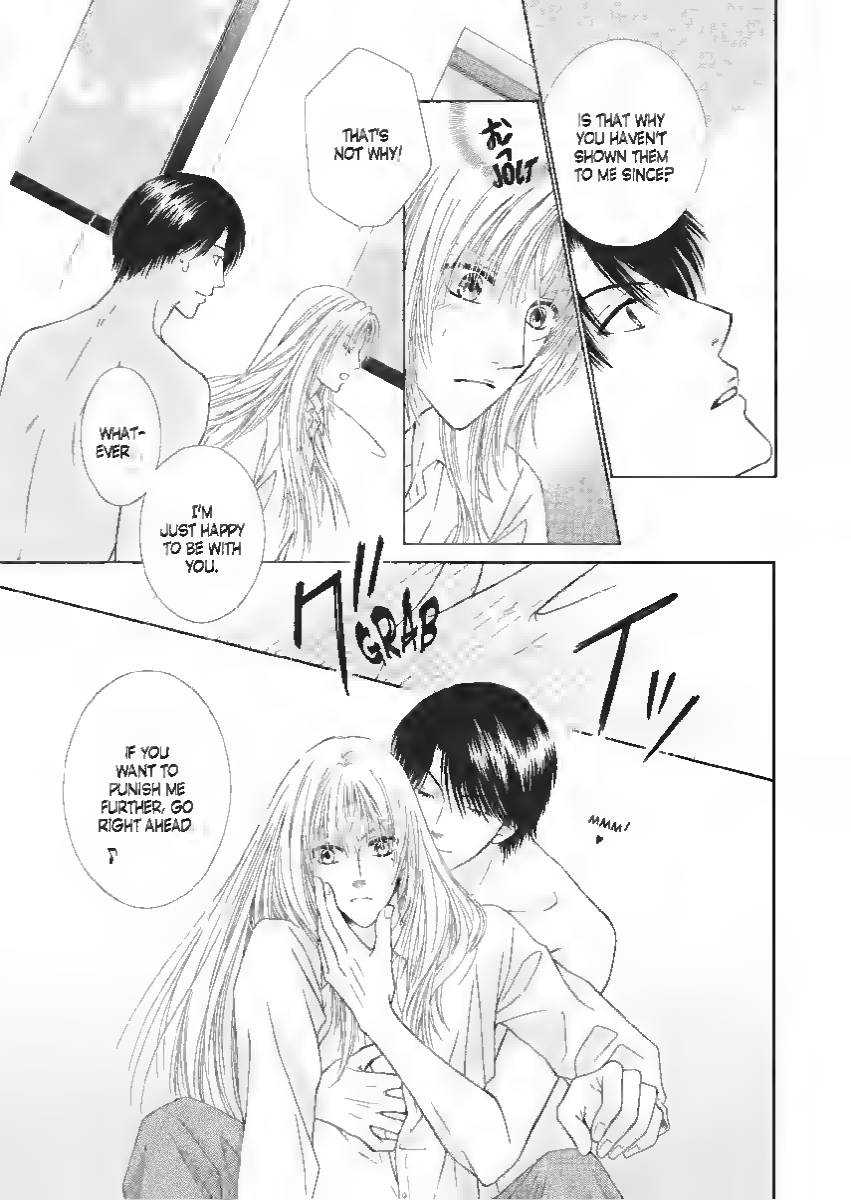
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DON'T YOU AGREE?" ♡
SHAKE
SHAKE
...THAT'S WHAT I THINK
DON'T YOU AGREE? ♡
I'M PLANNING TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU!
WHAT AM I PLANNING?
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN THIS POSITION?
!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY!
EXCUSE ME?
I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
WHAT ?!
WE'RE BOTH MEN! GET YOURSELF STRAIGHT!
WHY WOULD I DO THAT WITH SOMEONE I JUST MET ...?

HEH
LOVE?! WE JUST MET AN HOUR AGO!!
EVEN IF I WANTED TO, I CAN'T HELP DESIRING THE ONE I LOVE
LOVE ISN'T LOGICAL
YES...
YOU WERE WATCHING THE SNOW
YOU LOOKED AT IT AS THOUGH YOU WERE SEEING SNOW FOR THE FIRST TIME...
LIKE IT WAS SOMETHING ODD OR AMAZING
YOUR INNOCENT EXPRESSION WAS SO ADORABLE, IT MADE ME BELIEVE YOU WERE AN ANGEL.

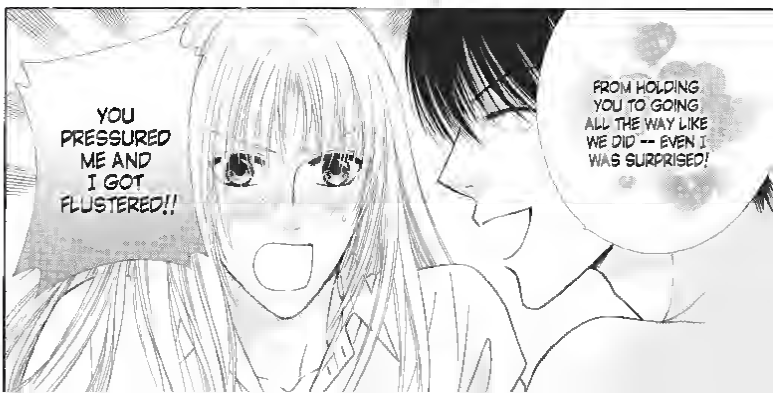
I FELL IN LOVE RIGHT THEN...
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID...
HM?
I'M AN ANGEL, AND I WAS SEEING SNOW FOR THE FIRST TIME
I FOUND MYSELF ON EARTH SUDDENLY AND GOT LOST.
BUT I'M NOT INNOCENT O
AN ANGEL ...?
...
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S KIDDING, EITHER...
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S INCREDIBLE. WOW...
UM...
WHAT ABOUT... YOUR WINGS...?
MY WINGS?
OH...

FEATHER

HEH
WHAT?
I WAS REMEMBERING WHEN WE MET
YOU SHOWED ME YOUR WINGS THEY WERE SO BEAUTIFUL.
OH
YOU WERE PRETTY SURPRISED
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE A REAL ANGEL.
THANKS TO THAT, I HUMILIATED MYSELF
YOU WERE CUTE LIKE AN ANGEL, THOUGH.
HUH?


IS THAT WHY YOU HAVEN'T SHOWN THEM TO ME SINCE?
JOLT
THAT'S NOT WHY!
WHAT-EVER
I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU.
GRAB
IF YOU WANT TO PUNISH ME FURTHER, GO RIGHT AHEAD
MMM♥

WHEN I REMEMBER OUR FIRST TIME...
I JUST, SORT OF--
SEX IS ONE OF THE PERKS OF HAPPINESS
MEAN-WHILE..
WHAT IS YOUR HAND DOING?!
I FELT IF I DIDN'T HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS RIGHT THEN, YOU'D DISAPPEAR
YOU WERE INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL.


YOU PRESSURED ME AND I GOT FLUSTERED!!
FROM HOLDING YOU TO GOING ALL THE WAY LIKE WE DID -- EVEN I WAS SURPRISED!

THAT MAY BE SO, BUT..
YOUR BEHAVIOR WAS COMPLETELY IRRATIONAL
I BARELY REMEMBER ANY TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER WITH OUR CLOTHES ON!
THAT'S THE KIND OF BEHAVIOR I'M *TALKING* ABOUT!
DON'T OTHER HUMANS SHOW MORE RESTRAINT?!
AS LONG AS WE'RE NAKED TOGETHER, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME♪
DIFFERENT PEOPLE SHOW LOVE IN DIFFERENT WAYS
IT DOESN'T MAKE *SENSE*.
YOU CAN'T HEAR OTHER HUMAN VOICES, CAN YOU?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'VE COMPARED ME TO ANY.

WHAT YOU SAY, YOUR BEHAVIOR -- ALL OF IT!
IT'S USELESS
WHAT? THAT'S NOT TRUE, IS IT?
WHY IS YOURS THE ONLY HUMAN VOICE I CAN HEAR?
PUT ON SOME CLOTHES!
OH BOY
WELL?
RUSTLE
DEMONSTRATIONS OF LOVE AREN'T USELESS
BECAUSE I'M ABLE TO TOUCH THE ONE I LOVE, OUR LOVE BECOMES STRONGER

WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT SEX -- IT'S VERY USEFUL.
LIKE THIS
TOUCHING
KISSING
I FEEL MY LOVER
AND MY LOVER FEELS ME, ALSO.

THE EMOTION CALLED LOVE...
REQUIRES GREAT NURTURING
THAT'S..
THAT'S HOW YOU SEE IT?
I'VE NEVER GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO HOW HUMANS WORK, BUT...
ISN'T SEX JUST A MEANS OF REPRODUCING...?
I CAN'T SPEAK FOR OTHER PEOPLE, BUT...
CREAK

I'M LETTING YOU FEEL ME, AND I FEEL YOU...
PLACING MY MARK ON YOUR BODY LIKE THIS...
AS I DROWN, DEEPER AND DEEPER...
!
IT'S HOW I FEEL, AT LEAST...
AH..!
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
N-NOT ONLY AM I A MAN, I'M NOT *HUMAN!*
WAIT?

...
I SEE.
NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT...
THAN LOVE
I THINK I DO, BUT...
SHALL WE MAKE PASSIONATE LOVE NOW, WITHOUT HESITATION?
MMPH!?
RIGHT!
TACKLE
WAIT...
NN...
A... MIN-UTE...

GRAB
I SAID WAIT!!
レレっ!
I NEVER THOUGHT I LIKED HUMANS, AND I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING I LIKED YOU!
BESIDES, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN THROW WORDS LIKE "I LOVE YOU" AROUND SO EASILY
WHY DO YOU LOVE ME?
WHY?
AAA!
STOP IT?
WHAT?
THERE AREN'T ANY MORE PROBLEMS, ARE THERE?
NO PROBLEMS FOR YOU!

GEE, I WONDER!
IRRITATED
ENOUGH WITH THE SMART-ASS ATTITUDE, YOU JERK!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?
SO THINK ABOUT IT
YOU... WANT TO KNOW WHAT I THINK?
IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.
ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS FOR ME.

WHY DO I SAY I LOVE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHY CAN YOU ONLY HEAR MY VOICE?

I'VE ALWAYS DONE AS I WAS TOLD.
NO ONE'S EVER ASKED ME...
HMM?
I'VE NEVER GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THAT BEFORE, EITHER
THAT'S IT...?

WITHOUT THINKING FOR MYSELF.
I JUST WENT ALONG WITH THINGS
WHY AM I HERE?
WHY DID I MEET YOU?

IF I DO THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS
IN THIS WORLD, YOU ARE THE ONE AND ONLY PERSON..
WHOSE VOICE I CAN HEAR
RIGHT.
I SHOULD THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT IT
YOU SHOULD.
BUT...

OUR MEETING ON THAT SNOWY MORNING...

WAS DEFINITELY A MIRACLE

YOU IDIOT!!!

LET'S TREASURE...

WHATEVER TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER.

HAPPINESS, FUN, KINDNESS
NICE TO MEET YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR READING! LOVE BETWEEN AN ANGEL AND A HUMAN -- THAT'S THE KIND OF STORY THAT MAKES MY HEART RACE. IF YOU ENJOYED IT, THEN I'M HAPPY.
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!
•AT FIRST, I WAS GOING TO DO A SIMPLE GRADIENT BUT IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THE SELF-PORTRAIT I WENT BACK TO FULL GRAY. SORRY IT TURNED OUT SO WEIRD-LOOKING!
MIDORI NISHIOGI

# Artist Profiles

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## Sakuregewe Ueiversity Cheer Squed

### Neri Koizumi

**Blood Type:** B
**Sign:** Virgo
**Birth Date:** September 3
**Hobbies:** Collecting manga cooking music (I love 60s rock — The Kinks The Smoke The Move etc...)
**Favorite Foods:** Curry ice cream

I hope you enjoyed it! I also have other stories serializing at my website http://www.geocities.jp/neri_koizumi/ (Japanese only) Thank you! xexexe

## Tell Me You Like Me

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### Saki Takarai

**Blood Type:** A
**Sign:** Pisces
**Birth Date:** March 15
**Hobbies:** Playing with cats games. I've also started collecting dolls recently
**Favorite Foods:** Curry cherries

My story is about a salaryman couple. Somehow or another, I have the image that American salarymen drink their coffee in cups (by the way, my image of Japanese salarymen is them drinking out of cans)

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## Boyfriend

### Haruki Fujimoto

**Blood Type:** B
**Sign:** Taurus
**Birth Date:** May 15
**Hobbies:** Shopping
**Favorite Foods:** Yakitori

Hello. Congratulations on your new anthology Reversible. I am very happy to have found such an opportunity.

## Perfect Age

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### Enoki & Goroh

**Blood Type:** AB
**Sign:** Libra
**Birth Date:** September 27
**Hobbies:** Delusions, escape, travel
**Favorite Foods:** Curry rice

Hello, we are Enoki and Goroh. We created this work together, with Enoki writing the story and Goroh handling the artwork. It's a continuation, so there are probably parts that are hard to understand, but we hope you still enjoy it!

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## It Fails At Night

### Shiori Ikesawa

**Blood Type:** O
**Sign:** Virgo
**Birth Date:** September 6
**Hobbies:** Growing and nurturing plants
**Favorite Foods:** Chocolate, black tea, fruit

Thank you for reading my work. If you are able to enjoy it even a little bit, I will be very happy.

## Catch!

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### Saito

**Blood Type:** A
**Sign:** Cancer
**Birth Date:** July 2
**Hobbies:** Nail art, going out in a kimono
**Favorite Foods:** Sushi

Thank you for letting me participate. When I heard about this anthology, I was extremely happy. I've only been abroad twice, but I would love to see this manga on a (foreign) bookstore's shelves (that's probably going to be difficult). I really like boys who go all-out — I hope I conveyed this feeling to my audience.

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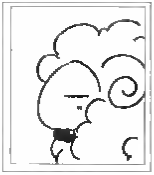
## Dear Boys



### Misara Hatori

**Blood Type:** A
**Sign:** Capricorn and Aquarius (depends on the year)
**Birth Date:** January 20
**Hobbies:** Reading (I read any manga! For novels, I like mysteries) movies
**Favorite Foods:** Sweets

Hello, my name is Misara Hatori! I am a little nervous, as I never dreamed I would ever have such an opportunity... This is not my best work, but I hope you can enjoy it. Thank you!

## Caged Bird

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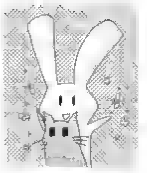

### Kometa Yanekura

**Blood Type:** A
**Sign:** Pisces
**Birth Date:** March 7
**Hobbies:** Cooking. My thing these days is marinated beef. I also enjoy making snacks.
**Favorite Foods:** Chocolate cake with lots of whipped cream, cheese

It is an honor to have such an opportunity. This particular work of mine was praised by many people and is very memorable to me. I am very happy that people have found joy through my drawings of "megane-danshi" (guys w/glasses). If people are able to enjoy my work this time also, I will be very happy. Thank you!

# Artist Profiles

## 237 Happiness, Fun, Kindness

### Midori Nishiogi

**Blood Type:** O
**Sign:** Scorpio
**Birth Date:** November 5
**Hobbies:** Drawing, reading, listening to music, napping, taking walks
**Favorite Foods:** Potato chips, banana chips, dried fruit

Hello, my name is Midori Nishiogi. I'm very happy for you to see my work. Did you enjoy it? I'll keep doing my best, so please support me. I'm looking forward to collaborating again in the future.

## Office Mermaid 197

### Tomoko Takakura

**Blood Type:** O
**Sign:** Libra
**Birth Date:** October 20
**Hobbies:** Making custom dolls, photography
**Favorite Foods:** Chocolate cookies, takoyaki

I never would have thought a manga I wrote for my own enjoyment would be read by people overseas. It's an honor to have my work read by you. I hope that everyone enjoys it.

## Tri-Color Love Song 215

### Kazuha

**Blood Type:** A
**Sign:** Sagittarius
**Birth Date:** December 19
**Hobbies:** Listening to music, fantasy
**Favorite Foods:** Chocolate layered cheesecake

Hello! It is an honor to be a part of this wonderful anthology. I'll be happy if you enjoy my work even a little. Thank you!

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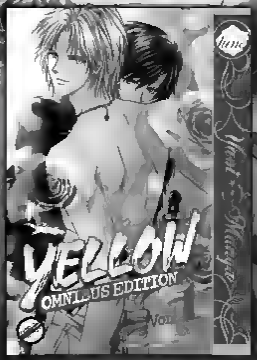


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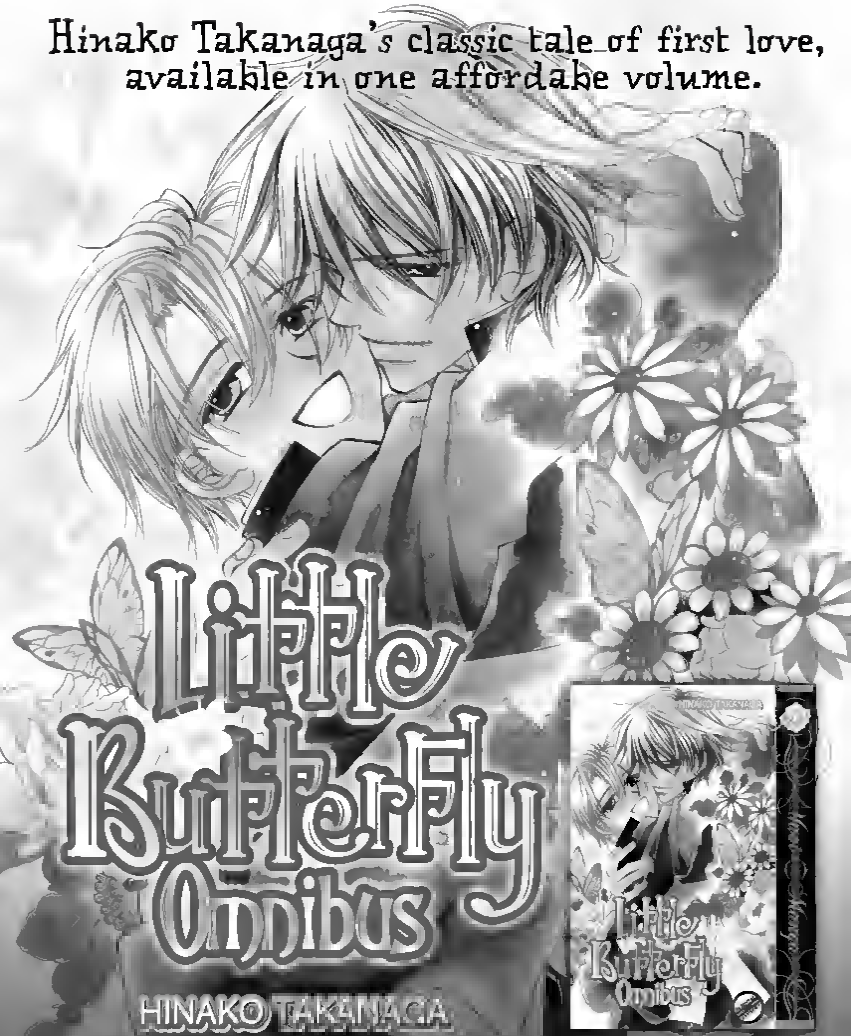





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